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SENATE BILL NO. 226—SENATORS LESLIE AND PARKS

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYWOMEN PIERCE; AND CARLTON

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

**SUMMARY**—Requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt certain regulations governing the trapping of fur-bearing mammals in certain counties. (BDR 45-975)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets **[omitted material]** is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to trapping; requiring the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations governing the trapping of fur-bearing mammals in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners is required to adopt  
2 certain regulations establishing seasons for trapping fur-bearing mammals and the  
3 manner and means of taking wildlife. Those regulations must be established after  
4 first considering the recommendations of the Department, the county advisory  
5 boards to manage wildlife and others who wish to present their views at an open  
6 meeting. (NRS 501.181)  
7 **Section 2** of this bill specifically requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners  
8 to adopt regulations governing the trapping of fur-bearing mammals in a residential  
9 area of a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe  
10 Counties). **Section 3** of this bill requires those regulations to be adopted on or  
11 before December 31, 2012.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
2     **Sec. 2.** NRS 501.181 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
3     501.181 The Commission shall:  
4     1. Establish broad policies for:  
5       (a) The protection, propagation, restoration, transplanting,  
6       introduction and management of wildlife in this State.  
7       (b) The promotion of the safety of persons using or property  
8       used in the operation of vessels on the waters of this State.  
9       (c) The promotion of uniformity of laws relating to policy  
10      matters.  
11     2. Guide the Department in its administration and enforcement  
12      of the provisions of this title and of chapter 488 of NRS by the  
13      establishment of such policies.  
14     3. Establish policies for areas of interest including:  
15       (a) The management of big and small game mammals, upland  
16       and migratory game birds, fur-bearing mammals, game fish, and  
17       protected and unprotected mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and  
18       amphibians.  
19       (b) The control of wildlife depredations.  
20       (c) The acquisition of lands, water rights and easements and  
21       other property for the management, propagation, protection and  
22       restoration of wildlife.  
23       (d) The entry, access to, and occupancy and use of such  
24       property, including leases of grazing rights, sales of agricultural  
25       products and requests by the Director to the State Land Registrar for  
26       the sale of timber if the sale does not interfere with the use of the  
27       property on which the timber is located for wildlife management or  
28       for hunting or fishing thereon.  
29       (e) The control of nonresident hunters.  
30       (f) The introduction, transplanting or exporting of wildlife.  
31       (g) Cooperation with federal, state and local agencies on wildlife  
32       and boating programs.  
33       (h) The revocation of licenses issued pursuant to this title to any  
34       person who is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title  
35       or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto.  
36     4. Establish regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of  
37      this title and of chapter 488 of NRS, including:  
38       (a) Seasons for hunting game mammals and game birds, for  
39       hunting or trapping fur-bearing mammals and for fishing, the daily  
40       and possession limits, the manner and means of taking wildlife,  
41       including, but not limited to, the sex, size or other physical  
42       differentiation for each species, and, when necessary for



1 management purposes, the emergency closing or extending of a  
2 season, reducing or increasing of the bag or possession limits on a  
3 species, or the closing of any area to hunting, fishing or trapping.  
4 The regulations must be established after first considering the  
5 recommendations of the Department, the county advisory boards to  
6 manage wildlife and others who wish to present their views at an  
7 open meeting. Any regulations relating to the closure of a season  
8 must be based upon scientific data concerning the management of  
9 wildlife. The data upon which the regulations are based must be  
10 collected or developed by the Department.

11 (b) The manner of using, attaching, filling out, punching,  
12 inspecting, validating or reporting tags.

13 (c) The delineation of game management units embracing  
14 contiguous territory located in more than one county, irrespective of  
15 county boundary lines.

16 (d) The number of licenses issued for big game and, if  
17 necessary, other game species.

18 5. Adopt regulations requiring the Department to make public,  
19 before official delivery, its proposed responses to any requests by  
20 federal agencies for its comment on drafts of statements concerning  
21 the environmental effect of proposed actions or regulations affecting  
22 public lands.

23 6. Adopt regulations:

24 (a) Governing the provisions of the permit required by NRS  
25 502.390 and for the issuance, renewal and revocation of such a  
26 permit.

27 (b) Establishing the method for determining the amount of an  
28 assessment, and the time and manner of payment, necessary for the  
29 collection of the assessment required by NRS 502.390.

30 7. Designate those portions of wildlife management areas for  
31 big game mammals that are of special concern for the regulation of  
32 the importation, possession and propagation of alternative livestock  
33 pursuant to NRS 576.129.

34 ***8. Adopt regulations governing the trapping of fur-bearing***  
35 ***mammals in a residential area of a county whose population is***  
36 ***100,000 or more.***

37 **Sec. 3.** The Board of Wildlife Commissioners shall, on or  
38 before December 31, 2012, adopt any regulations required by the  
39 amendatory provisions of this act.

40 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective:

41 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
42 regulations required by the amendatory provisions of this act; and

43 2. On January 1, 2013, for all other purposes.

