

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
February 17, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Moody  
Mr. Chaney  
Mr. Jeffrey  
Mr. Kissam  
Mr. Ross  
Mr. Serpa  
Mr. Polish

Members Absent: Mr. Coulter

Members Excused: Mr. Howard

Guests Present: Glen Griffith, Nevada Fish and Game Department  
Bill Parsons, Nevada Fish and Game Department  
Keith Sherwood, Nevada Fish and Game Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moody. He stated that this meeting was for the purpose of taking testimony on A.B. 104, the First Reprint of which had been sent over from the Taxation Committee. He called for testimony on behalf of A. B. 104.

ASSEMBLY BILL 104

Mr. Glen Griffith of the Nevada Fish and Game Department, appeared to testify. He explained that the First Reprint of the bill is currently being considered. The first page has changes in three words, the purpose being to make it more direct and to clarify the meaning. The major change and major reason for the bill begins on Page 4, which is to establish standards for lighting and equipment, to bring the boating equipment and lighting standards into conformity with the Inland Code, as developed by the Coast Guard.

Mr. Moody asked about the taxation part of the original proposed bill. Mr. Griffith explained that this had been amended out by the Taxation Committee. However, the County Assessors Association has agreed to join with them in requesting an amendment whereby boats would be considered under a privilege tax rather than a property tax so, hopefully, everything could be taken care of in one place. The boats could be assessed at the time of registration with the Fish and Game Department instead of the divided system as it now stands with different agencies handling different steps in the taxation and registration. They would also register the trailer at the same time.

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Mr. Jeffrey asked how much of a change this bill would involve in the lighting required on the boats. Mr. Parsons of the Fish and Game Department answered that the changes are minimal. There are essentially only one or two words that have been changed referring to the light in the stern, that it shall be of a certain intensity. In 1960 the present wording got in, and it referred to the Great Lakes lighting system rather than the Inland Waters. The only thing specifically changed is in relation to the stern light. The language change is the system used in the bill drafting in this particular case.

Mr. Kissam asked how this would affect the cost to the boat owner. Mr. Parsons said there was no impact as the current regulations already require this change and all boats now sold have the change already. This is just changing the statute to conform with the regulations. Mr. Sherwood, boating officer of the Fish and Game Department, explained that the boats already have the required light installed by the manufacturer.

Mr. Polish asked if you don't use the boat at night are the lights required. Mr. Griffith said no. This only applies to use of boats after sunset and before sunrise.

The hearing was concluded on A.B. 104.

Mr. Griffith then put forth a request from the Fish and Game Department that they would like to set a minimum age at which children can hunt. He explained that before a child can be issued a hunting license when he is 12 he must pass a hunting safety course. The hunter safety instructors would like to get hold of youngsters before they get bad habits. When they can hunt before the age of 12 they learn many bad habits which are hard to get rid of. The Fish and Game Department would like to set a minimum age of 12 years for hunting. It is not only the safety factor, which up to the present time has not been too much of a problem, but also because so many parents take children hunting only for the purpose of getting larger limits of game. Mr. Moody asked for statistics on this problem. Mr. Griffith answered that the rate of injury, so far, of the children was minimal, because most of the children under 12 don't do much shooting. But they provide an adult with a very large limit of game if he has four or five youngsters with him. However, it is still very important from the safety standpoint. This would not have anything to do with fishing. Mr. Moody said this would be discussed by the Committee. Mr. Griffith left copies of the Executive Agency Bill Draft Request, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. Griffith requested that Mr. Serpa discuss this problem with Barney Fritz.

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Mr. Griffith expressed pleasure with the subcommittee meeting which they held regarding A.B. 190, and would like to get together as soon as possible with the subcommittee to discuss the senior citizens licenses under A.B. 189. This was agreed to.

ASSEMBLY BILL 104

Discussion was then held on A.B. 104. As there was no dissention, it was moved by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Serpa that A.B. 104 be given a recommendation of "do pass" as amended by the Transportation Committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Moody said that there would not be a meeting on Tuesday, February 22, but there would be on February 24, as there are bills coming over from the Senate.

Mr. Ross moved for adjournment, was seconded by Mr. Polish, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Moody.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Olguin  
Assembly Attache

EXECUTIVE AGENCY BILL DRAFT REQUEST

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BDR # \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Nevada Department of Fish and Game

VIA: Department of  
Administration

TO: Legislative Counsel

I. Intent of Proposed Bill: (Brief summary of intended effect)

To establish the requirement that no person under 12 years of age, whether accompanied by a qualified person or not, shall hunt in the State of Nevada.

II. Justification or Purpose: (Brief narrative of requirement.  
Use continuation sheets if necessary)

A person under 12 years of age may hunt all species of wildlife, except big game, without a license and without compliance with hunter safety. On reaching 12, he must obtain a license after first passing a hunter safety course. This inconsistency needs to be corrected and can be accomplished by setting a minimum age of 12 years to hunt; all such hunters shall be licensed and shall comply with hunter safety.

III. NRS Title, Chapter or Section affected: (If applicable)

NRS 502.010

IV. Suggested Language: (Optional.)

See attachment.

V. Fiscal Note:

State Government Fiscal Impact

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Appropriation Contained in Bill \_\_\_\_\_

Effect Less Than \$2,000 X Executive Budget \_\_\_\_\_

Local Government Fiscal Impact

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Appropriation Contained in Bill \_\_\_\_\_

Is Fiscal Note attached? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

VI. Preprinting of Bill: (Subsection 6 of NRS 218.240)

May bill be preprinted? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

VII. Name of person to be consulted if more information needed:

Name: Glen K. Griffith Telephone No. 784-6214  
William C. Parsons 784-6214

  
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Signature of Agency Head

Date: 2/4/77

From: Department of Administration

To: Legislative Counsel

Approved for preparation of bill draft. Comments on fiscal note entered on Form FN-3, attached, if fiscal note required.

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Signature  
Department of Administration

IV. Suggested Language:

Section 1. NRS 502.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.010 1. Every person who hunts or traps any of the wild birds or animals or who fishes without having first procured a license or permit therefor, as provided in this Title, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided:

(a) No license to [hunt or] fish shall be required of residents of this state who have not yet attained their 12th birthday, unless required for the issuance of tags as prescribed in this Title or by the regulations of the commission.

(b) No license to fish shall be required of nonresidents of this state who have not yet attained their 12th birthday, but the number of fish taken by such nonresidents shall not exceed 50 percent of the daily creel and possession limits as provided by law.

[(c) It is unlawful for any child who has not yet attained his 14th birthday to hunt any of the wild birds or animals with any firearm, unless such child is accompanied at all times by an adult person licensed to hunt.]

(d) No child under 12 years of age, whether accompanied by a qualified person or not, shall hunt big game in the State of Nevada. This section does not prohibit any child from accompanying an adult licensed to hunt.]

(c) No person under 12 years of age shall hunt in the State of Nevada. This section does not prohibit any child from accompanying an adult licensed to hunt.

(d) It is unlawful for any person who has not yet attained his 14th birthday to hunt with any firearm, unless such person is accompanied at all times by an adult person licensed to hunt.

2. This section shall not apply to the protection of persons or property from unprotected wild birds or animals on or in the immediate vicinity of home or ranch premises.