
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 70—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES)

PREFILED JANUARY 30, 2023

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the uses of certain fees for a game tag. (BDR 45-342)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the authorized uses of certain fees for processing each application for a game tag; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides that in addition to any fee charged and collected for a
2 game tag, a fee of \$3 must be charged for processing each application for a game
3 tag, the revenue from which must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to
4 the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used by the Department of
5 Wildlife for costs related to certain programs and activities, including, without
6 limitation, wildlife management activities relating to the protection of nonpredatory
7 game animals and sensitive wildlife species. (NRS 502.253) This bill revises the
8 wildlife management activities for which the Department may use the proceeds of
9 such fees, to provide that the Department may instead use the proceeds of such fees
10 for wildlife management activities relating to the protection of nonpredatory big
11 game mammals and the habitat of such big game mammals.

12 Existing law also requires that the Department expend on any program
13 developed for the management and control of predatory wildlife not less than 80
14 percent of the total money collected from the \$3 application processing fee in the
15 most recent fiscal year for which the Department has information. (NRS 502.253)
16 This bill removes the minimum 80 percent expenditure requirement for programs
17 developed for the management and control of predatory wildlife and requires that
18 the Department, in expending any money collected from the \$3 application
19 processing fee: (1) prioritize programs, wildlife management activities and research
20 that will provide the greatest benefit to populations of big game mammals in the
21 State; and (2) consider the ability of a program, wildlife management activity or



22 research to obtain grants and matching funds from federal and private sector
23 sources.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 502.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 502.253 1. In addition to any fee charged and collected
3 pursuant to NRS 502.250, a fee of \$3 must be charged for
4 processing each application for a game tag, the revenue from which
5 must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State Treasurer
6 for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and
7 used by the Department for costs related to:

8 (a) Developing and implementing an annual program for the
9 management and control of predatory wildlife;

10 (b) Wildlife management activities relating to the protection of
11 nonpredatory *big game* ~~{animals and sensitive wildlife species;}~~
12 *mammals and the habitat of such big game mammals;* and

13 (c) Conducting research necessary to determine successful
14 techniques for managing and controlling predatory wildlife.

15 2. The Department of Wildlife is hereby authorized to expend a
16 portion of the money collected pursuant to subsection 1 to enable
17 the State Department of Agriculture to develop and carry out the
18 programs described in subsection 1.

19 3. Any program developed or wildlife management activity or
20 research conducted pursuant to this section must be developed or
21 conducted under the guidance of the Commission in accordance
22 with the provisions of subsection 4 and the policies adopted by the
23 Commission pursuant to NRS 501.181.

24 4. The Department:

25 (a) In adopting any program for the management and control of
26 predatory wildlife developed pursuant to this section, shall first
27 consider the recommendations of the Commission and the State
28 Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee created by NRS 567.020.

29 ~~{Shall not adopt any program for the management and
30 control of predatory wildlife developed pursuant to this section that
31 provides for the expenditure of less than 80 percent of the amount of
32 money collected pursuant to subsection 1 in the most recent fiscal
33 year for which the Department has complete information for the
34 purposes of lethal management and control of predatory wildlife.}~~
35 *In expending any money collected pursuant to subsection 1 to*
36 *develop or conduct the programs, wildlife management activities*
37 *and research described in subsection 1, shall:*



1 (1) *Prioritize programs, wildlife management activities and*
2 *research that will provide the greatest benefit to the populations of*
3 *big game mammals in this State; and*

4 (2) *Consider the ability of a program, wildlife management*
5 *activity or research to obtain grants and matching funds from*
6 *federal and private sector sources.*

7 5. The money in the Wildlife Account credited pursuant to this
8 section remains in the Account and does not revert to the State
9 General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

10 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

