

SENATE BILL NO. 311—SENATORS HANSEN, TITUS,
GOICOECHEA; AND FLORES

MARCH 20, 2023

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to wildlife.
(BDR 45-168)

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; requiring the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish a program to allow a person to transfer his or her tag to hunt a big game mammal to certain persons; requiring a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters to be available online; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires, with certain exceptions, a person who wishes to hunt
2 certain designated big game mammals in this State to obtain a tag to do so. (NRS
3 502.130) Such a tag is not transferrable unless: (1) the person to whom the tag was
4 issued can demonstrate the existence of an extenuating circumstance; or (2) the tag
5 is transferred to an eligible qualified organization for use by a person with a
6 disability or life-threatening condition or a person who is 16 years of age or
7 younger and otherwise eligible to hunt in this State. (NRS 502.103, 502.104)
8 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt
9 regulations establishing a program that allows a person to transfer his or her tag to
10 hunt a big game mammal to any person who is under 18 years of age. **Section 2** of
11 this bill makes a conforming change to provide that transferring a tag under such a
12 program is an exception to the prohibition on the transfer of tags.

13 Existing law requires the Department of Wildlife to certify instructors who will
14 provide a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters and issue
15 certificates upon the successful completion of the course. (NRS 502.340) **Section 3**
16 of this bill requires such a course of instruction to be available to be taken online by
17 any person, regardless of the age of the person.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 502 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *The Commission shall adopt regulations establishing a*
4 *program which authorizes a person to transfer his or her tag to*
5 *hunt a big game mammal to any person who is under 18 years of*
6 *age.*

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 502.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 502.100 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.103 and
9 502.104 ~~H~~ *and section 1 of this act:*

10 1. No license provided by this title shall be transferable or used
11 by any person other than the person to whom it was issued.

12 2. Every person lawfully having such licenses who transfers or
13 disposes of the same to another person to be used as a hunting,
14 trapping or fishing license shall forfeit the same.

15 **Sec. 3.** NRS 502.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 502.340 1. The Department shall certify instructors who will,
17 with the cooperation of the Department, provide instruction in the
18 responsibilities of hunters established by the Department to all
19 eligible persons who, upon the successful completion of the course,
20 must be issued a certificate. Persons who are disqualified from
21 obtaining a hunting license, pursuant to NRS 502.330, are eligible
22 for the course.

23 2. *The course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters*
24 *must be available to be taken online. Any person may take the*
25 *course online, regardless of the age of the person.*

26 3. The Department shall make reasonable accommodations for
27 the completion of the course by a person with a disability.

28 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and section 3 of this act become
29 effective upon passage and approval.

30 2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective:

31 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
32 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
33 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

34 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

