

SENATE BILL NO. 101—SENATOR DALY

PREFILED JANUARY 17, 2025

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to wildlife. (BDR 45-555)

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.

AN ACT relating to wildlife; revising provisions governing the prohibition against the waste of certain animals; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law prohibits any person from causing any edible portion of any game mammal, game fish, game amphibian and certain game birds from going to waste. (NRS 503.050) A person who violates this prohibition is: (1) guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or by both fine or imprisonment; and (2) liable for certain civil penalties. (NRS 501.385, 501.3855) In addition, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners is authorized under existing law to revoke any license issued by the Department of Wildlife to any person convicted of violating this prohibition and may refuse to issue any new license to the convicted person for up to 5 years after the date of the conviction. (NRS 501.388) Existing regulations interpret the term “edible portion” in existing law to mean certain identified edible parts of a game mammal, game fish, certain game birds and a big game mammal, except for a mountain lion and black bear. (NAC 503.0047) **Section 1** of this bill codifies this interpretation of the term “edible portion” in the Nevada Revised Statutes but eliminates the exception for a mountain lion or black bear. Thus, **section 1** clarifies that the prohibition applies to causing any edible portion of a mountain lion or black bear from going to waste.

Subject to the same penalties, existing law also prohibits any person from capturing or destroying any game mammal, except a carnivore, and detaching or removing from the carcass the head, hide, antlers, horns or tusks only and leaving the carcass to waste. (NRS 501.385, 501.3855, 501.388, 503.050) **Section 1** eliminates the exception from this prohibition for a carnivore, thus making the prohibition apply with respect to any game mammal.



24 **Section 2** of this bill declares void the regulation interpreting “edible portion.”

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 503.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 503.050 1. It is unlawful for any person to cause through
3 carelessness, neglect or otherwise any edible portion of any game
4 bird, game mammal, game fish or game amphibian to go to waste
5 needlessly.

6 2. It is unlawful for any person to capture or destroy any game
7 mammal ~~[, except a carnivore,]~~ and detach or remove from the
8 carcass the head, hide, antlers, horns or tusks only and leave the
9 carcass to waste.

10 3. ~~[For the purposes of subsection 1, “game]~~ *As used in this*
11 *section:*

12 (a) *“Big game mammal” means any:*

13 (1) *Pronghorn antelope, black bear, mule deer, mountain*
14 *goat, mountain lion, moose, Rocky Mountain elk; or*

15 (2) *Of the following subspecies of bighorn sheep:*

16 (I) *Nelson bighorn sheep;*

17 (II) *California bighorn sheep; or*

18 (III) *Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.*

19 (b) *“Edible portion” means:*

20 (1) *With respect to a big game mammal:*

21 (I) *The meat of the front quarters to the distal joint of*
22 *the radius-ulna;*

23 (II) *The meat of the hind quarters to the hock; and*

24 (III) *The meat along the backbone between the front*
25 *quarters and hind quarters;*

26 (2) *With respect to a game mammal other than a big game*
27 *mammal:*

28 (I) *The meat of the front quarters to the distal joint of*
29 *the humerus;*

30 (II) *The meat of the hind quarters to the hock; and*

31 (III) *The meat along the backbone between the front*
32 *quarters and hind quarters;*

33 (3) *With respect to a game bird, the meat of the breast; and*

34 (4) *With respect to a game fish, the fillet meat from the*
35 *operculum to the caudal fin.*

36 *↳ The term “edible portion” does not include bones, sinew,*
37 *viscera, meat from the head or neck, meat that has been damaged*
38 *and rendered inedible by the method of the taking or meat that is*



1 *reasonably lost as a result of boning or close trimming of the*
2 *bones.*

3 (c) *“Game* bird” does not include a raven, crow or magpie even
4 if classified as a game bird pursuant to NRS 501.110.

5 (d) *“Hock” means the distal joint of the tibia-fibula.*

6 **Sec. 2.** The regulation adopted by the Board of Wildlife
7 Commissioners, which is codified as NAC 503.0047, is hereby
8 declared to be void and unenforceable on October 1, 2025. In
9 preparing the supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code on or
10 after October 1, 2025, the Legislative Counsel shall remove that
11 regulation.



