SENATE BILL NO. 79-COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to wildlife. (BDR 45-314)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to wildlife; revising requirements relating to licenses or permits for a child who is under 12 years of age; revising provisions relating to the deferral of the use of a tag to hunt a big game mammal under certain extenuating circumstances; revising provisions relating to the issuance of duplicate licenses; revising provisions relating to replacement tags for certain infected animals; requiring the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to prescribe by regulation fees for certain licenses, permits and tags; authorizing the Commission to adjust such fees for inflation; revising the types of tags for which the Commission must prescribe fees by regulation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

With certain exceptions, existing law requires a person to obtain a license or permit to hunt or fish any wildlife. Under existing law, a child who is a resident of this State and under 12 years of age, with certain exceptions, is not required to obtain such a license or permit. Under existing law, a child who is not a resident of this State and is under 12 years of age: (1) is required to obtain a license to hunt but not a license to fish; and (2) may not take a number of fish that exceeds 50 percent of the daily creel and possession limits. (NRS 502.010) **Section 2** of this bill: (1) eliminates that prohibition; and (2) provides that such a child who is not a resident of this State, with certain exceptions, is also not required to obtain a license to hunt.

Existing law authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations establishing a program through which a person who holds a tag to hunt a big game mammal in this State and has proven that he or she qualifies for an





extenuating circumstance may transfer, defer use of or return to the Department of Wildlife his or her tag to hunt a big game mammal in this State. (NRS 502.103) **Section 4** of this bill provides that a tag may be deferred under such circumstances only if there will be an open season for the tag that is identical to the current season in the following year.

Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations providing for the issuance of a duplicate license to replace an unexpired license that has been lost, stolen or destroyed. (NRS 502.110) **Section 5** of this bill also requires the Commission to adopt regulations providing for the issuance of a duplicate license

to replace an unexpired license that has been surrendered.

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Existing law requires a person who possesses a tag to hunt a big game mammal and kills an animal that is believed to be diseased and unfit for human consumption to follow certain procedures, including a requirement to provide the whole carcass of the big game mammal for inspection by certain persons. With certain exceptions, if the carcass is determined to be diseased and unfit for human consumption, existing law entitles the holder of the tag who provides the carcass to receive a replacement tag at no charge. (NRS 502.215) **Section 9** of this bill provides that, under such circumstances, a person who provides for inspection the carcass of a deer which is infected with chronic wasting disease is not entitled to a replacement tag.

With certain exceptions, existing law sets forth fees for certain licenses, permits and tags issued by the Department. (NRS 502.148, 502.240, 502.250) Sections 8, 10 and 12 of this bill remove the amounts for such fees and sections 10 and 12 instead require the Commission to prescribe by regulation initial reasonable fees for such licenses, permits and tags, which must be equal to the fees as the fees existed before the effective date of this bill. Sections 10 and 12 authorize the Commission, after prescribing such initial fees, to increase or decrease a fee adding the current fee to the product obtained by multiplying the current fee by the percentage increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index between the calendar year in which the fee was established or most recently adjusted, whichever is later, and the calendar year immediately preceding the year for which the adjustment is made. In making such adjustments, sections 10 and 12: (1) prohibit the Commission from increasing or decreasing a fee by an amount that is less than 90 percent or more than 125 percent of the current fee added to the amount calculated by performing the inflationary adjustment; and (2) authorize the fee to be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount. Section 24 of this bill provides that the existing fees remain in effect until the Commission has established such fees by regulation. Sections 3, 6, 7, 11 and 13-23 of this bill make conforming changes to reflect the removal of the amounts of such fees from existing law. Section 1 of this bill makes a conforming change to refer to provisions that have been renumbered in section 12. Section 12 also revises the types of tags for which the Commission must prescribe fees by regulation.

Existing law requires the Department to issue a resident and nonresident 1-day permit to fish and a resident and nonresident 1-day combination permit to fish and hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds and add consecutive days on such 1-day permits upon the payment of a fee for the 1-day permit and the payment of a fee for each consecutive day added to the permit. (NRS 502.240) Existing law also authorizes the Commission to establish the term of a permit. (NRS 502.030) Section 10 instead requires the Department to issue a resident and nonresident limited permits to fish and nonresident limited combination permits which consist of 1 or more consecutive calendar days in accordance with the term of the permit prescribed by the Commission.





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

- **Section 1.** NRS 501.356 is hereby amended to read as follows: 501.356 1. Money received by the Department from:
 - (a) The sale of licenses:

- (b) Fees described in NRS 278.337;
- (c) Fees pursuant to the provisions of NRS 488.075 and 488.1795:
- (d) Remittances from the State Treasurer pursuant to the provisions of NRS 365.535;
 - (e) Appropriations made by the Legislature; and
- (f) All other sources, including, without limitation, the Federal Government, except money derived from the forfeiture of any property described in NRS 501.3857 or money deposited in the Wildlife Heritage Account pursuant to NRS 501.3575, the Wildlife Trust Fund pursuant to NRS 501.3585, the Energy Planning and Conservation Account created by NRS 701.630 or the Account for the Recovery of Costs created by NRS 701.640,
- → must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund.
- 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Wildlife Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and NRS 503.597, the Department may use money in the Wildlife Account only to carry out the provisions of this title and chapter 488 of NRS and as provided in NRS 365.535, and the money must not be diverted to any other use.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.250, 502.410 and 504.155, all fees for the sale or issuance of stamps, tags, permits and licenses that are required to be deposited in the Wildlife Account pursuant to the provisions of this title and any matching money received by the Department from any source must be accounted for separately and must be used:
- (a) Only for the protection, propagation and management of wildlife; and
- (b) If the fee is for the sale or issuance of a license, permit or tag other than a tag specified in subsection [5] 3 or [6] 4 of NRS 502.250, under the guidance of the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 501.181.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 502.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.010 1. A person who hunts or fishes any wildlife without having first procured a license or permit to do so, as provided in this title, is guilty of a misdemeanor, except that:





- (a) A license to hunt or fish is not required of a [resident of this State] *child* who is under 12 years of age, unless required for the issuance of tags as prescribed in this title or by the regulations of the Commission.
- (b) [A license to fish is not required of a nonresident of this State who is under 12 years of age, but the number of fish taken by the nonresident must not exceed 50 percent of the daily creel and possession limits as provided by law.
- (e)] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 or 7 of NRS 202.300 and NRS 502.066, it is unlawful for any child who is under 18 years of age to hunt any wildlife with any firearm, unless the child is accompanied at all times by the child's parent or guardian or is accompanied at all times by an adult person authorized by the child's parent or guardian to have control or custody of the child to hunt if the authorized person is also licensed to hunt.
- [(d)] (c) A child who is under 12 years of age, whether accompanied by a qualified person or not, shall not hunt big game in the State of Nevada unless he or she participates in a program established pursuant to NRS 502.104. This section does not prohibit any child from accompanying an adult licensed to hunt.
 - (d) The Commission may adopt regulations setting forth:
- (1) The species of wildlife which may be hunted or trapped without a license or permit; or
- (2) The circumstances under which a person may fish without a license, permit or stamp in a lake or pond that is located entirely on private property and is stocked with lawfully acquired fish.
- [(f)] (e) The Commission may declare 1 day per year as a day upon which persons may fish without a license to do so.
- 2. This section does not apply to the protection of persons or property from unprotected wildlife on or in the immediate vicinity of home or ranch premises.
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 502.072 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.072 The Department shall issue any license authorized under the provisions of this chapter, upon payment of the applicable fee *prescribed by regulation and collected* pursuant to NRS 502.240 and satisfactory proof, subject to the provisions of NRS 417.0187, of the requisite facts to any bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred a service-connected disability which is considered to be 50 percent or more by the Department of Veterans Affairs and has received upon severance from service an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the United States.





- **Sec. 4.** NRS 502.103 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.103 1. The Commission may adopt regulations establishing:
 - (a) Conditions or events which are extenuating circumstances;
- (b) A process through which a big game hunter who claims an extenuating circumstance may provide documentation to the Department which shows that his or her condition or event qualifies as an extenuating circumstance;
- (c) A program through which a big game hunter who has proven that he or she qualifies for an extenuating circumstance pursuant to paragraph (b) may:
- (1) Transfer his or her tag to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State;
- (2) [Defer] If there will be an open season for the big game mammal for which the tag was issued in the following year that is identical to the current season, defer his or her use of the tag to the next [applicable] open season; or
- (3) Return his or her tag to the Department for restoration by the Department of any bonus points that he or she used to obtain the tag that is being returned; and
- (d) A process through which a family member of a deceased big game hunter may provide documentation to the Department of the death of the big game hunter and transfer the tag of the deceased big game hunter to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State.
- 2. If a big game hunter transfers his or her tag to another person pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the big game hunter may not charge a fee or receive any compensation for such a transfer.
 - 3. As used in this section:
 - (a) "Big game hunter" means a person who holds a tag.
- (b) "Extenuating circumstance" means any injury, illness or other condition or event, as determined by the Commission, of a big game hunter or a family member of a big game hunter that causes the big game hunter to be unable to use his or her tag. The term includes, without limitation, the death of the big game hunter.
 - (c) "Family member" means:
 - (1) A spouse of the big game hunter;
- (2) A person who is related to the big game hunter within the first degree of consanguinity; or
 - (3) A stepchild of the big game hunter.
 - (d) "Tag" means a tag to hunt a big game mammal in this State.





- **Sec. 5.** NRS 502.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, [no] *not* more than one license of each class may be issued to any one person during each licensing period.
- 2. The Commission shall adopt regulations providing for the issuance of a duplicate license to replace an unexpired license that has been lost, stolen, *surrendered* or destroyed. The regulations must specify a fee, which must not exceed \$10, for the issuance of a duplicate license. A duplicate license has the same effect, and is subject to the same conditions and restrictions, as the license it replaces.
 - **Sec. 6.** NRS 502.142 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.142 1. The Commission shall adopt regulations to establish a program pursuant to which the Department will issue special incentive elk tags. The regulations must:
- (a) Set forth the application and annual review processes for the issuance of special incentive elk tags.
- (b) Require that an application for a special incentive elk tag must be accompanied by:
- (1) The fee [charged] for an elk tag *prescribed by regulation* and collected pursuant to NRS 502.250; and
- (2) Any administrative fee charged in connection with the issuance of an elk tag pursuant to this chapter.
- (c) Provide for the issuance of a special incentive elk tag only to a person who:
- (1) Lawfully owns, leases or manages private land within an actual elk use area; and
- (2) If that private land blocks reasonable access to adjacent public land, provides reasonable access through the private land to allow a person or hunting party possessing a valid elk tag to hunt elk on the adjacent public land.
- (d) Establish criteria for the issuance of special incentive elk tags based upon:
- (1) The number of elk using private land controlled by the applicant;
- (2) The number of days the elk use private lands of the applicant in a calendar year;
 - (3) The total number of elk; and
- (4) Limiting the number of special incentive elk tags issued in each calendar year to not more than one-half of the bull elk tags issued in that calendar year,
- within the actual elk use area in the unit or units of the management area or areas in which the private land is located.
- (e) Provide that special incentive elk tags are valid for both sexes of elk.





- (f) Prohibit a person who has, within a particular calendar year, applied for or received compensation pursuant to NRS 504.165 as reimbursement for damage caused by elk to private land from applying, within the same calendar year, for a special incentive elk tag for the same private land.
- (g) Allow a group of owners, lessees and managers of private land to qualify for a special incentive elk tag for their combined lands.
- (h) Ensure that the issuance of special incentive elk tags will not result in the number of bull elk tags issued in any year being reduced to a number below the quota for bull elk tags established by the Commission for 1997.
- (i) Provide that a person to whom a special incentive elk tag is issued by the Commission pursuant to this section may:
- (1) If the person holds a valid hunting license issued by this State, use the special incentive elk tag himself or herself; or
- (2) Sell the special incentive elk tag to another person who holds a valid hunting license issued by this State at any price upon which the parties mutually agree.
- (j) Require that a person who is issued a special incentive elk tag must hunt:
 - (1) During the open season for elk.
- (2) In the unit or units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located.
- (k) Provide for the appointment of an arbitration panel to resolve disputes between persons who apply for special incentive elk tags and the Department regarding the issuance of such tags.
- 2. As used in this section, "actual elk use area" means an area in which elk live, as identified and designated by the Department.
 - **Sec. 7.** NRS 502.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.145 1. An owner, lessee or manager of private land in this State may apply to the Department for the issuance to him or her of one or more deer or antelope tags as provided in this section. The tags must be issued as compensation for damage caused by deer or antelope to the private land or to any improvements thereon.
 - 2. An application made pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) Be made in the form prescribed by the Department;
- (b) Establish to the satisfaction of the Department that the applicant has sustained damage of the kind described in subsection 1; and
- (c) Be accompanied by the fee [charged] for the tags *prescribed* by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.250 and any fee charged for administrative costs.
- 3. The Department shall review the application, may conduct any investigation it deems appropriate and, if it approves the





application, shall issue to the applicant not more than one tag for each 50 animals present on the private land owned, leased or managed by the applicant. Both deer and antelope tags may be issued to an applicant.

- 4. A tag issued as compensation for damage pursuant to this section:
- (a) May be used by the owner, lessee or manager of the private land if the owner, lessee or manager holds a valid Nevada hunting license, or may be sold by that person to any holder of a valid Nevada hunting license at any price mutually agreed upon;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c), must be used on the private land or in the unit or units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located; and
 - (c) May only be used during:

- (1) The open season for the species for which the tag is issued; or
- (2) A season prescribed by regulation of the Commission for the use of such tags only on the private land.
- 5. As a condition of receiving a tag from the Department pursuant to this section, an owner, lessee or manager who is lawfully in control of private land that blocks access to adjacent public land must provide access to the public land during the hunting season to a person or hunting party with a tag for the purpose of hunting on the public land.
- 6. Insofar as they are consistent with this section, the provisions of this title and of the regulations adopted by the Commission apply to the issuance and use of tags pursuant to this section. The Commission:
- (a) Shall by regulation establish the maximum number of tags which may be issued annually by the Department pursuant to this section, which must not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of deer and antelope tags which are authorized for issuance annually throughout the State; and
- (b) May adopt any other regulations it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
 - **Sec.** 8. NRS 502.148 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.148 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who wishes to apply for a restricted nonresident deer tag pursuant to NRS 502.147 must complete an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department. A licensed master guide may complete the application for an applicant. The application must be signed by the applicant and the master guide who will be responsible for conducting the restricted nonresident deer hunt.





- 2. The application must be accompanied by [a] the fee [for the tag of \$300,] prescribed by regulation pursuant to NRS 502.250, plus any other fees which the Department may require. The Commission shall establish the time limits and acceptable methods for submitting such applications to the Department.
- 3. Any application for a restricted nonresident deer tag which contains an error or omission must be rejected and the fee for the tag returned to the applicant.
- 4. A person who is issued a restricted nonresident deer tag is not eligible to apply for any other deer tag issued in this State for the same hunting season as that restricted nonresident deer hunt.
- 5. All fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund.
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 502.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 1. If any person who possesses a tag to hunt a big game mammal kills an animal that is believed to be diseased and unfit for human consumption, the person shall place his or her tag on the carcass or validate the tag in accordance with NRS 502.150 and any regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to NRS 502.160 and provide the whole carcass for inspection by an authorized representative of the Department or, at the person's own expense, by a veterinarian licensed to practice in Nevada. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection \Box or subsection 2, the holder of the tag who provides the carcass for such an inspection is entitled, if the carcass is diseased and unfit for human consumption, to receive at no charge another tag as a replacement for the carcass determined to be diseased and unfit for consumption. The holder shall choose whether the replacement tag is to be issued for the current hunting season or for the next similar season in the following year. If the holder chooses to retain the head, antlers, carcass, horns or hide of the animal, and the authorized representative of the Department approves the retention, the holder shall be deemed to waive any claim the holder may have had for the issuance of a replacement tag.
- 2. A person who provides the carcass of a deer which is infected with chronic wasting disease for inspection is not entitled to a replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1.
- **3.** A replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1 for the current hunting season is valid for:
- (a) The entire remaining portion of the season for which the original tag was issued; or
- (b) If the original tag was issued for a period of a split season, the entire remaining portion of the period for which the original tag was issued or the entire following period, if any.



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- [3.] 4. A replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1 must be:
- (a) Issued for the same unit for which the original tag was issued.
- (b) Used in the same manner as or pursuant to the same conditions or restrictions applicable to the original tag.
 - [4.] 5. The Commission shall adopt by regulation:
- (a) A procedure for the inspection and verification of the condition of such a carcass:
- (b) Requirements for the disposal of such a carcass if it is determined to be diseased and unfit for human consumption;
- (c) Requirements for the disposition of the hide and the antlers or horns of the animal; and
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in **[subsection]** subsections 2 **[,]** and 3, a procedure for the issuance of a replacement tag pursuant to this section.
- [5.] 6. For the purposes of this section, "split season" means a season which is divided into two or more periods.
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 502.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.240 1. The Department shall issue:
- (a) Resident licenses and limited permits pursuant to this section to any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS 502.015.
- (b) Nonresident licenses and limited permits pursuant to this section to any person who does not qualify as a resident of this State pursuant to NRS 502.015.
- 2. A limited permit issued pursuant to this section must be for 1 or more consecutive calendar days in accordance with the term of the permit prescribed by the Commission pursuant to NRS 502.030.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 504.390, the Department shall issue [a license] the following licenses or [permit] limited permits to any person who is 18 years or older upon the payment of the [following] applicable fee prescribed by the Commission pursuant to subsection 8 for:
 - (a) Fishing:
 - (1) A resident annual fishing license. [.....\$40]
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- (3) A nonresident annual fishing license.
- (4) A nonresident annual license to fish solely in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead, Lake Mojave, Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake.





1	(5) A nonresident limited permit to fish.
2	(b) Hunting, a resident annual hunting license. [38]
3	(c) A combination of hunting and fishing:
4	(1) A resident annual combination hunting and
5	fishing license . [
6	(2) A nonresident annual combination hunting and fishing
7	license.
8	(3) A nonresident limited combination permit to fish and
9	hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds.
10	(d) Trapping:
11	(1) A resident trapping license. [40]
12	(2) A nonresident trapping license.
13	(e) Fur dealing:
14	(1) A resident fur dealer's license. [63]
15	(2) A nonresident fur dealer's license.
16	(f) Guiding:
17	(1) A resident master guide's license. [
18	(2) A resident subguide's license. [125
19	A nonresident annual fishing license
20	A nonresident annual license to fish solely in the
21	reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake
22	Mead, Lake Mojave, Lake Tahoe and Topaz
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24	A nonresident 1-day permit to fish
25	Each consecutive day added to a nonresident 1-
26	day permit to fish
27	A nonresident annual combination hunting and
28	fishing license
29	A nonresident trapping license
30	A nonresident fur dealer's license
31	(3) A nonresident master guide's license. [
32	(4) A nonresident subguide's license. [
33	A nonresident 1-day combination permit to fish
34	and hunt upland game birds and migratory
35	game birds
36	Each consecutive day added to a nonresident 1
37	day combination permit to fish and hunt
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39	—3.] 4. The Department shall issue [a license] the following
40	licenses to any person who is at least 12 years of age but less than
41	18 years of age upon payment of the [following] applicable fee
42	[for:] prescribed by the Commission pursuant to subsection 8:
43	(a) A resident youth combination hunting and
44	fishing license . [
45	(b) A resident youth trapping license. [





(c) A nonresident youth combination hunting and
fishing license . [
[4.] 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [5,] 6, the
Department shall issue an annual resident specialty combination
hunting and fishing license pursuant to this chapter upon satisfactory
proof of the requisite facts and the payment of a fee [of \$15]
prescribed by the Commission pursuant to subsection 8 to:
(a) Any person who has been considered to be a resident of thi
State pursuant to NRS 502.015 immediately preceding the date o
application for the license and is 65 years of age or older.
(b) Any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS
502.015 and who has a severe physical disability.
(c) Any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS
502.015 and who has incurred a service-connected disability
specified in NRS 502.072.
[5.] 6. The Department shall issue an annual resident specialty
combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to this chapte
upon satisfactory proof of the requisite facts and the payment of
fee [of \$10] prescribed by the Commission pursuant to subsection
8 to any resident Native American of this State pursuant to
NRS 502.280.
[6.] 7. The Department shall issue to any person, withou
regard to residence, upon the payment of [a] the applicable fee [of:
For all prescribed by the Commission pursuant to
subsection 8:
(a) A noncommercial license for the possession of
live wildlife. [\$14
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(b) A commercial or private shooting preserve. [
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(c) A commercial license for the possession of live
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- (j) An import eligibility permit. [......31 For an]
- (1) Any other special permit. [issued by the Department, a fee not to exceed the highest fee established for any other special permit set by the Commission.
- —7.] 8. The Commission shall prescribe by regulation reasonable initial fees for the licenses and permits described in this section. The initial fees prescribed by the Commission must be equal to the fees established in this section or prescribed by regulation, as applicable, as such fees existed on the day before the effective date of this act.
- 9. After the Commission prescribes the initial fees pursuant to subsection 8, the Commission may increase or decrease a fee in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the current fee to the product of the current fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index from:
- (a) For the first adjustment of the fee, the year in which the fee was established in statute or regulation, as applicable, and the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the adjustment is made; and
- (b) For all adjustments of the fee after the first adjustment, the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the previous adjustment was made and the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the current adjustment is made.
 - 10. As used in this section [, "severe]:
- (a) "Consumer price inflation index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items) as published by the United States Department of Labor or, if that index ceases to be published by the United States Department of Labor, the published index selected by the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 11 of NRS 361.091.
- (b) "Severe physical disability" means a physical disability which materially limits a person's ability to engage in gainful employment.
 - **Sec. 11.** NRS 502.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.242 1. On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 5.25 percent of the fees [charged] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240 during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, trapping, fishing or combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits [pursuant to NRS 502.240] must be accounted for





separately, deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the 1 2 Wildlife Account and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 502.294 and 502.310, used by the Department 3 for the purposes of wildlife habitat rehabilitation and restoration. 4 5 Each year, not more than 18 percent of the money credited to the Wildlife Account from any revenue received pursuant to this 6 7 subsection may be used to monitor wildlife and its habitat for those 8 purposes.

2. The money in the Wildlife Account credited pursuant to this section remains in the Account and does not revert to the State

10 11 General Fund at the end of any fiscal year. 12 Sec. 12. NRS 502.250 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13 502.250 The famount of the fee that must be charged Commission shall prescribe by regulation reasonable initial fees, 14 which must be equal to the fees established in this section or 15 prescribed by regulation, as applicable, as such fees existed on the 16 day before the effective date of this act, for the following tags [is:]: 17 18 (a) Resident deer tag. \$30 (b) Resident antelope with horns shorter than its 19 20 ears tag. [......60] (c) Resident antelope with horns longer than its ears tag. 21 22 23 (e) Resident antlerless elk tag. 24 (f) Resident spike tag. 25 26 (h) Resident ram bighorn sheep tag. 27 (j) Resident mountain lion tag. [25] 28 29 (k) Resident black bear tag. 30 (1) Resident moose tag. (m) Resident turkey tag. 31 32 (n) Nonresident deer tag. 240 33 (o) Restricted nonresident deer tag. (p) Nonresident antelope with horns shorter than 34 35 (q) Nonresident antelope with horns longer than its ears tag. 36 37 38 39 40 (u) Nonresident ram bighorn sheep tag. 41 42 43 (x) Nonresident black bear tag. 44 (y) Nonresident moose tag. 45 (z) Nonresident turkey tag.





2. [The amount of the fee for other resident or nonresident big game tags must not exceed the highest fee for a resident or nonresident big game tag established pursuant to this section.

3. The amount of the fee for a tag determined to be necessary by the Commission for other species pursuant to NRS 502.130 must not exceed the highest fee for a resident or nonresident tag established pursuant to this section.

—4.] A fee not to exceed \$10 may be charged for processing an application for a game species or permit other than an application for an elk. A fee of not less than \$5 but not more than \$15 must be charged for processing an application for an elk, \$5 of which must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used for the prevention and mitigation of damage caused by elk or game mammals not native to this State. A fee of not less than \$15 and not more than \$50 must be charged for processing an application for a Silver State Tag.

[5.] 3. The Commission may accept sealed bids for, or award through an auction or a Silver State Tag Drawing, or any combination thereof, not more than 15 big game tags and not more than 5 wild turkey tags each year. To reimburse the Department for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Any amount of money received from the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing that is not so deposited must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Account in the State General Fund in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

[6.] 4. The Commission may by regulation establish an additional drawing for big game tags, which may be entitled the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing. To reimburse the Department for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the drawing, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Except as otherwise provided by regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection [7,] 5, the money received by the Department from applicants in the drawing who are not awarded big game tags must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Account in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

[7.] 5. The Commission may adopt regulations which authorize the return of all or a portion of any fee collected from a person pursuant to the provisions of this section.





- 6. After the Commission prescribes the initial fees pursuant to subsection 1, the Commission may increase or decrease a fee in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the current fee to the product of the current fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index from:
- (a) For the first adjustment of the fee, the year in which the fee was established in statute or regulation, as applicable, and the calendar year immediately preceding the year for which the adjustment is made: and
- (b) For all adjustments of the fee after the first adjustment, the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the previous adjustment was made and the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the current adjustment is made.
 - 7. As used in this section:

- (a) "Antelope with horns longer than its ears" means any pronghorn antelope having at least one horn that is longer than either ear of the antelope.
- (b) "Antelope with horns shorter than its ears" means any pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns that are shorter than its ears.
- (c) "Consumer price inflation index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items) as published by the United States Department of Labor or, if that index ceases to be published by the United States Department of Labor, the published index selected by the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 11 of NRS 361.091.
 - **Sec. 13.** NRS 502.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.253 1. In addition to any fee [charged] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.250, a fee of \$3 must be charged for processing each application for a game tag, the revenue from which must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used by the Department, at the direction of the applicant, for costs related to:
- (a) Developing and implementing an annual program for the lethal removal of predatory wildlife; or
- (b) Developing and implementing an annual program for the improvement of wildlife habitat and research or management activities beneficial to nonpredatory game species.
- 2. The Department of Wildlife is hereby authorized to expend a portion of the money collected pursuant to subsection 1 to enable the State Department of Agriculture to develop and carry out the programs described in subsection 1.





- 3. Any program developed or wildlife management activity or research conducted pursuant to this section must be developed or conducted under the guidance of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of subsection 4 and the policies adopted by the Commission pursuant to NRS 501.181.
- 4. The Department, in adopting any program for the lethal removal of predatory wildlife developed pursuant to this section, shall first consider the recommendations of the Commission and the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee created by NRS 567.020.
- 5. The money in the Wildlife Account credited pursuant to this section remains in the Account and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.
 - **Sec. 14.** NRS 502.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.280 1. Any resident Native American of the State of Nevada may apply for a specialty combination fishing and hunting license. When applying for a specialty combination fishing and hunting license, the resident Native American shall exhibit a document issued in this State by the chair of a tribal council or chief of a Native American tribe, or an officer of a reservation, colony or educational institution, stating that the bearer is a resident Native American of the State of Nevada.
- 2. The Department shall issue a specialty combination fishing and hunting license to a resident Native American pursuant to subsection [5] 6 of NRS 502.240 pursuant to the same methods as the Department issues a specialty combination fishing and hunting license to a person pursuant to subsection [4] 5 of NRS 502.240.
- 3. Before hunting for deer or big game off an Indian reservation in this State, all Native Americans must secure resident deer tags or other resident big game tags and pay the fee [provided therefor in] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.250.
- 4. If the Department is considering whether to make any recommendations for proposed legislation relating to any fishing and hunting rights of a resident Native American or any Native American tribe in this State, the Department shall, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission:
- (a) Provide notice of the proposed action to each of those tribes or any other person specified in those regulations; and
- (b) Consult with each of those tribes and persons concerning the proposed action.
- 5. Upon request by the Department, the Department of Native American Affairs may provide information or assistance to the Department in carrying out the provisions of this section.





6. The Commission shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 15. NRS 502.294 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.294 On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 3.5 percent of the fees [charged] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240 during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits [pursuant to NRS 502.240] must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. The Department shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Department for the cost of administering any project approved pursuant to NRS 502.296. This amount is in addition to compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.

Sec. 16. NRS 502.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.310 On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 1 percent of the fees [charged] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240 during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits [pursuant to NRS 502.240] must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. The Department shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Department for the cost of administering any projects for waterfowl approved pursuant to NRS 502.322. This amount is in addition to compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.

Sec. 17. NRS 502.3262 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.3262 On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 8.5 percent of the fees [charged] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240 during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits [pursuant to NRS 502.240] must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. The Department shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Department for the cost of administering the trout program and any purpose specified in NRS 502.3264. This amount is in addition to the compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.





Sec. 18. NRS 502.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.400 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is unlawful for any person to hunt in the Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area unless, at the time of entry and while hunting, the person carries upon his or her person:

(a) An unexpired permit issued for that purpose on a form

specified by the Department; or

(b) Any other documentation specified by the Department as proof that the person has paid to the Department, for the period of licensing that includes the time the person is hunting, a fee that is equal to the amount of the fee required pursuant to subsection 4 for a seasonal permit or daily permit, as appropriate.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person under 16 years of age who is accompanied by a person who is carrying upon his or her person the permit or documentation

required pursuant to subsection 1.

3. A permit issued pursuant to subsection 1 may be sold only by the Department or a person designated by the Department.

4. The Department shall charge and collect the following fees for issuing a permit pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Sixty dollars for a seasonal permit, the effective dates of which must, as determined by the Department, coincide with the license to hunt of the person purchasing the permit.

(b) Fifteen dollars for a daily permit. The Department shall not make a daily permit specified in this paragraph available for purchase before the second Monday of the open season for ducks.

5. The fee required pursuant to subsection 4 is in addition to any fee required for a license or permit to hunt *which is prescribed by regulation and collected* pursuant to NRS 502.240.

Sec. 19. NRS 503.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.200 1. The Department is empowered to authorize, under permit and for such fee as may be [provided in] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240, competitive field trials for hunting dogs or competitive field trials for falconry. The Commission shall prescribe the rules and regulations to be followed by those in charge of such trials insofar as conduct of the field trials has any effect or bearing upon wildlife and the laws of this State respecting closed and open seasons.

2. For the purpose of permitting such field trials, the Department may authorize shooting of legally acquired upland game birds during any closed season on the species of bird or birds to be hunted.

3. All legally acquired upland game birds used in a field trial or for the purpose of training hunting dogs and for falconry training must be banded with legbands by the person in charge of such field





trial or training. Such birds may only be released in an area first approved by the Department, after which the Department shall authorize, under permit and under such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe, the releasing of such legally acquired upland game birds for the foregoing purposes.

- 4. All birds killed under the provisions of this section must be accompanied by a receipt, giving the permit number, the date, the name of the person in possession, and signed by the permit holder. Birds killed and accompanied by a receipt under the provisions of this section may be legally possessed.
 - **Sec. 20.** NRS 503.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 503.310 1. The Commission may regulate or prohibit the use of live bait in fishing so that no undesirable species are introduced into the public waters of this State.
- 2. Any person engaged in the sale of live bait must first obtain a permit from the Department for the fee [provided in] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240. The permit may be revoked for any violation of regulations.
- 3. The Commission may prescribe the species which may be held or sold by the permittee.
 - **Sec. 21.** NRS 503.583 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 503.583 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who practices falconry or trains birds of prey must obtain a falconry license from the Department upon payment of a license fee [as provided in] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240.
- 2. The licensee, under permit, may obtain from the wild only two birds per year. All such birds of prey must be banded in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission.
- 3. Birds of prey may not be taken, captured or disturbed during the months in which they breed.
- 4. This section does not prohibit the capture or killing of a hawk or an owl by holders of scientific collecting permits.
- 5. The Commission may adopt regulations authorizing a person to practice falconry or train birds of prey without obtaining a falconry license pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1.
 - **Sec. 22.** NRS 504.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 504.310 1. Before being entitled to the benefits of any commercial or private shooting preserve, the owner or proprietor thereof must make application to the Department. The application must set forth:
 - (a) The name and location of the shooting preserve.
 - (b) A legal description of the area included in the preserve.
- (c) A statement whether the preserve is to be a commercial or private preserve.





(d) If the application is for a commercial shooting preserve, a statement of fees that are to be collected for the privilege of

shooting on the preserve.

2. If, after investigation, the Department is satisfied that the tract is suitable for the purpose, and that the establishment of such a preserve will not conflict with the public interest, the Department may issue a commercial or private shooting preserve license upon the payment of a license fee [as provided in] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to NRS 502.240.

Sec. 23. NRS 504.390 is hereby amended to read as follows: 504.390 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Compensation" means any remuneration given in exchange for providing guide service which is predicated on a business relationship between the parties. The term does not include any reimbursement for shared trip expenses, including, without limitation, expenses for gasoline, food or any other costs that are generally associated with persons who are engaging in recreational hunting or fishing together.
- (b) "Guide" means to assist another person for compensation in hunting wild mammals or wild birds and fishing and includes the transporting of another person or the person's equipment to hunting and fishing locations within a general hunting and fishing area whether or not the guide determines the destination or course of travel.
- 2. Each person who provides guide service for compensation or provides guide service as an incidental service to customers of any commercial enterprise, whether a direct fee is charged for the guide service or not, must obtain a master guide license from the Department. Such a license must not be issued to any person who has not reached 21 years of age.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each person who assists a person who is required to have a master guide license and acts as a guide in the course of that activity must obtain a subguide license from the Department. Such a license must not be issued to any person who has not reached 18 years of age. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Is employed by or assists a person who holds a master guide license solely for the purpose of cooking, cutting wood, caring for, grooming or saddling livestock, or transporting a person by motor vehicle to or from a public facility for transportation, including, without limitation, a public airport.
- (b) Holds a master guide license which authorizes the person to provide services for the same species and in the same areas as the guide who employs him or her or requests the person's assistance





and has submitted to the Department a notarized statement which indicates that the person is employed by or provides assistance to the guide. The statement must be signed by both guides.

4. Fees for master guide and subguide licenses must be [as provided in] prescribed by regulation and collected pursuant to

NRS 502.240.

- 5. Any person who desires a master guide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department. The application must contain the social security number of the applicant and such other information as the Commission may require by regulation. If that person was not licensed as a master guide during the previous licensing year, the person's application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$1,500.
- 6. Any person who desires a subguide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department. If that person was not licensed as a subguide during the previous licensing year, the person's application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$50.
- 7. It is unlawful for the holder of a master guide license to operate in any area where a special use permit is required without first obtaining a permit unless the holder is employed by or providing assistance to a guide pursuant to subsection 3.
- 8. The holder of a master guide license shall maintain records of the number of hunters and anglers served, and any other information which the Department may require concerning fish and game taken by such persons. The information must be furnished to the Department on request.
- 9. If any licensee under this section, or person served by a licensee, is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title or chapter 488 of NRS, the Commission may revoke the license of the licensee and may refuse issuance of another license to the licensee for a period not to exceed 5 years.
- 10. The Commission may adopt regulations covering the conduct and operation of a guide service.
- 11. The Department may issue master guide and subguide licenses that are valid only in certain management areas, management units or administrative regions in such a manner as may be determined by the regulations of the Commission.
- **Sec. 24.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act, the fees set forth in NRS 502.148, 502.240 and 502.250, as those sections existed on the day before the effective date of this act, remain in effect until the regulations establishing fees pursuant to NRS 502.240 and 502.250, as amended by sections 10 and 12 of





- this act, respectively, are adopted by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners and filed with the Secretary of State.

 Sec. 25. This act becomes effective upon passage and
- 3 4 approval.





