ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 117–ASSEMBLYMEN TITUS AND ELLISON

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HANSEN

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to wildlife. (BDR 45-68)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to drawings for tags or permits to hunt certain species of wildlife; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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Existing law requires the Department of Wildlife to contract with a private entity to conduct a drawing to award and issue tags or permits to hunt certain species of wildlife. The drawing must be conducted by a computer program based on a random order of selection and, as soon as practicable after the drawing is completed, the private entity must submit the results of the drawing to the Department. (NRS 502.175)

Section 1 of this bill requires that a representative of the private entity be present in the State on the day of the drawing and available to answer questions from the public on the day of the drawing for a reasonable period of time before and after the drawing is completed. **Section 1** also requires the Department to post on its Internet website: (1) the date of the drawing and an explanation of how the drawing will be conducted; and (2) the results of the drawing. **Section 1** further requires that the results of the drawing be posted to the Internet website of the Department not later than 24 hours after the drawing is completed.

Section 2 of this bill prohibits the retroactive application of **section 1** to the extent that the application of the provisions of **section 1** would conflict with the terms of a contract that is awarded before October 1, 2021, unless the contract is amended, extended or renewed on or after October 1, 2021.





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

Section 1. NRS 502.175 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.175 1. [The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the Department shall contract with a private entity to conduct a drawing and to award and issue the tags or permits as established by the Commission. A representative of the private entity that conducts the drawing must be present in the State on the day of the drawing and available to answer any questions from the public for a reasonable period of time on the day of the drawing before and after the drawing is completed. The drawing must be conducted using a computer program that awards tags or permits based on a random order of selection. The contract must provide for the acquisition by the Department of the ownership of the computer program at the end of the term of the contract. The Department shall solicit bids for the contract pursuant to the provisions of chapter 333 of NRS.

2. The Department shall:

- (a) Provide to the private entity to whom a contract is awarded pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 any applications for tags, permits, documents or other information required by the private entity to conduct the drawing; and
- (b) Otherwise cooperate with the private entity in conducting the drawing.
- 3. [As soon as practicable] The Department shall post on its Internet website:
- (a) Information about the drawing, including, without limitation, the date on which and a detailed explanation of how the drawing will be conducted; and
- (b) Not later than 24 hours after the drawing is completed, [the private entity shall submit] the results of the drawing. [to the Department.]
- 4. If no private entity qualifies for the awarding of the contract specified in subsection 1, the Department shall conduct a drawing to award tags or permits in the manner set forth in the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection 5.
- 5. The Commission shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including regulations that prescribe the manner in which the Department shall conduct a drawing specified in subsection 1 if no private entity qualifies for the awarding of the contract.
- **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act do not apply to a contract that is awarded by the Department of





Wildlife before October 1, 2021, pursuant to NRS 502.175, as that section existed before October 1, 2021, to the extent that the provisions of section 1 of this act would conflict with the terms of the contract, unless the contract is amended, extended or renewed on or after October 1, 2021.





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