

SENATE BILL NO. 406—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCE
IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

APRIL 1, 2021

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to wildlife.
(BDR 45-1089)

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; authorizing a tag to be in an electronic format under certain circumstances; revising the requirements for an annual resident specialty combination hunting and fishing license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Department of Wildlife to designate the form of a tag
2 for certain species of wildlife. (NRS 502.160) Existing law also requires a tag to be
3 attached to a species of wildlife before the holder of a tag takes possession of the
4 species. (NRS 502.150) **Section 4** of this bill provides that the Department may
5 designate a paper or electronic form for a tag. **Section 3** of this bill provides that an
6 electronic tag must be validated before the holder of the tag transports the species
7 of wildlife. **Sections 2 and 5** of this bill make conforming changes relating to
8 electronic tags and validating electronic tags.

9 Existing law requires the Department to issue an annual resident specialty
10 combination hunting and fishing license to any person 65 years of age or older who
11 has continuously resided in this State for a period of 5 years immediately preceding
12 the date of the application for the license. (NRS 502.240) **Section 6** of this bill
13 removes the requirement that such a person have continuously resided in the State
14 for the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application.



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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** NRS 502.147 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 502.147 1. The Department shall make available restricted
4 nonresident deer tags in an amount not to exceed the amount set
5 forth in this section. If the number of persons who apply for
6 restricted nonresident deer tags is greater than the number of tags to
7 be issued, the Department shall conduct a drawing to determine the
8 persons to whom to issue the tags.

9 2. The number of restricted nonresident deer tags must:

10 (a) Be subtracted from the quota of rifle deer tags for
11 nonresidents; and

12 (b) Not exceed 16 percent of the deer tags issued to nonresidents
13 during the previous year or 400 tags, whichever is greater.

14 3. The number of restricted nonresident deer tags issued for
15 any management area or unit must not exceed 37.5 percent, rounded
16 to the nearest whole number, of the rifle deer tags issued to
17 nonresidents during the previous year for that management area or
18 unit.

19 4. The Department shall ~~mail~~ *provide* the tags to the
20 successful applicants ~~by mail~~ *by mail or electronically, if the applicant*
21 *elects to receive the tag in an electronic form.*

22 **Sec. 3.** NRS 502.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 502.150 1. Whenever tags are required for any species of
24 wildlife, it is unlawful to have any of that species in possession
25 without the *correct tag* . ~~attached thereto and such possession~~
26 *Before transporting any species of wildlife, or parts thereof, for*
27 *which a tag is required, the holder of:*

28 (a) *A paper tag must attach the tag to the animal; or*

29 (b) *An electronic tag must validate the tag in accordance with*
30 *the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to*
31 *NRS 502.160.*

32 ↪ *Possession of any species of wildlife, or parts thereof, for which*
33 *a tag is required* without an attached *or validated* tag , *as*
34 *applicable*, is prima facie evidence that the game is illegally taken
35 and possessed.

36 2. It is unlawful to remove any tag from any wildlife for reuse
37 or to be in possession of excess tags or used tags.

38 3. Whenever tags are required for any species of fur-bearing
39 mammal, possession of a pelt of that species without the tag
40 attached thereto *or validated, as applicable*, is prima facie evidence
41 that such pelt is illegally taken and possessed.



1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 502.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 502.160 1. The Department shall designate the ~~form~~
3 *electronic and paper forms* of the tag, requiring such numbering or
4 other manner of identification as is necessary to designate the name or
5 hunting license number of the person to whom it is issued. Each
6 tag must show the game for which it may be used, the year and,
7 whenever necessary, the management area in which it may be used.

8 2. The Commission may adopt any regulations necessary
9 relative to the manner of qualifying and applying for, using,
10 completing, attaching, filling out, punching, inspecting, validating
11 or reporting such tags. It is unlawful for any person to fail to abide
12 by any such regulation.

13 **Sec. 5.** NRS 502.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 502.215 1. If any person who possesses a tag to hunt a big
15 game mammal kills an animal that is believed to be diseased and
16 unfit for human consumption, the person shall place his or her tag
17 on the carcass ~~in the manner provided by law or regulation~~ or
18 *validate the tag in accordance with NRS 502.150 and any*
19 *regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to NRS 502.160*
20 and provide the whole carcass for inspection by an authorized
21 representative of the Department or, at the person's own expense, by
22 a veterinarian licensed to practice in Nevada. Except as otherwise
23 provided in this subsection, the holder of the tag who provides the
24 carcass for such an inspection is entitled, if the carcass is diseased
25 and unfit for human consumption, to receive at no charge another
26 tag as a replacement for the ~~one the holder placed on the carcass~~
27 ~~pursuant to this subsection.~~ *carcass determined to be diseased and*
28 *unfit for consumption.* The holder shall choose whether the
29 replacement tag is to be issued for the current hunting season or for
30 the next similar season in the following year. If the holder chooses
31 to retain the head, antlers, carcass, horns or hide of the animal, and
32 the authorized representative of the Department approves the
33 retention, the holder shall be deemed to waive any claim the holder
34 may have had for the issuance of a replacement tag.

35 2. A replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1 for the
36 current hunting season is valid for:

37 (a) The entire remaining portion of the season for which the
38 original tag was issued; or

39 (b) If the original tag was issued for a period of a split season,
40 the entire remaining portion of the period for which the original tag
41 was issued or the entire following period, if any.

42 3. A replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1 must be:

43 (a) Issued for the same unit for which the original tag was
44 issued.



(b) Used in the same manner as or pursuant to the same conditions or restrictions applicable to the original tag.

4. 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 2, a procedure for the issuance of a replacement tag pursuant to this section.

5. For the purposes of this section, "split season" means a season which is divided into two or more periods.

Sec. 6. 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. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 504.390, the Department shall issue a license or permit to any person who is 18 years or older upon the payment of the following fee for:

A resident annual fishing license.....	\$40
A resident 1-day permit to fish.....	9
Each consecutive day added to a resident 1-day permit to fish	3
A resident annual hunting license.....	38
A resident annual combination hunting and fishing license.....	75
A resident trapping license	40
A resident fur dealer's license	63
A resident master guide's license	750
A resident subguide's license	125
A nonresident annual fishing license.....	80
A nonresident annual license to fish solely in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead, Lake Mojave, Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake.....	30
A nonresident 1-day permit to fish.....	18
Each consecutive day added to a nonresident 1-day permit to fish	7



1 A nonresident annual combination hunting and
2 fishing license.....\$155
3 A nonresident trapping license188
4 A nonresident fur dealer’s license125
5 A nonresident master guide’s license1,500
6 A nonresident subguide’s license250
7 A nonresident 1-day combination permit to fish and
8 hunt upland game birds and migratory game
9 birds.....23
10 Each consecutive day added to a nonresident 1-day
11 combination permit to fish and hunt upland
12 game birds and migratory game birds8
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14 3. The Department shall issue a license to any person who is at
15 least 12 years of age but less than 18 years of age upon payment of
16 the following fee for:
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18 A resident youth combination hunting and fishing
19 license.....\$15
20 A resident youth trapping license15
21 A nonresident youth combination hunting and
22 fishing license.....15
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24 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the
25 Department shall issue an annual resident specialty combination
26 hunting and fishing license pursuant to this chapter upon satisfactory
27 proof of the requisite facts and the payment of a fee of \$15 to:

28 (a) Any person who has been considered to be a resident of this
29 State pursuant to NRS 502.015 ~~[continuously for the 5 years]~~
30 immediately preceding the date of application for the license and is
31 65 years of age or older.

32 (b) Any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS
33 502.015 and who has a severe physical disability.

34 (c) Any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS
35 502.015 and who has incurred a service-connected disability
36 specified in NRS 502.072.

37 5. The Department shall issue an annual resident specialty
38 combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to this chapter
39 upon satisfactory proof of the requisite facts and the payment of a
40 fee of \$10 to any resident Native American of this State pursuant to
41 NRS 502.280.

42 6. The Department shall issue to any person, without regard to
43 residence, upon the payment of a fee of:



1 For a noncommercial license for the possession of
2 live wildlife\$15
3 For a commercial or private shooting preserve125
4 For a commercial license for the possession of live
5 wildlife500
6 For a live bait dealer’s permit.....44
7 For a competitive field trials permit31
8 For a permit to train dogs or falcons15
9 For a 1-year falconry license38
10 For a 3-year falconry license94
11 For an importation permit.....15
12 For an import eligibility permit31
13 For an exportation permit15
14 For any other special permit issued by the
15 Department, a fee not to exceed the highest fee
16 established for any other special permit set by
17 the Commission.
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19 7. As used in this section, “severe physical disability” means a
20 physical disability which materially limits a person’s ability to
21 engage in gainful employment.

22 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

23 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

24 **Sec. 9.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and
25 218D.435, a committee, other than the Assembly Standing
26 Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee
27 on Finance, may vote on this act before the expiration of the period
28 prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This
29 section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.

30 **Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.



