

**LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENT PROHIBITION**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses the planting and maintaining of lawn or turf.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ prohibits certain government or private entities from requiring a property owner or resident to plant or maintain lawn or turf.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**10-9a-535**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**17-27a-531**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**57-8a-231**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**57-16-20**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **10-9a-535** is enacted to read:

**10-9a-535. Lawn requirements.**



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land  
30 planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

31 (b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

32 (2) A municipality may not enact or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or policy that  
33 requires, or has the effect of requiring, a property owner to plant or maintain lawn or turf on the  
34 property owner's property.

35 Section 2. Section **17-27a-531** is enacted to read:

36 **17-27a-531. Lawn requirements.**

37 (1) As used in this section:

38 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land  
39 planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

40 (b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

41 (2) A county may not enact or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or policy that requires,  
42 or has the effect of requiring, a property owner to plant or maintain lawn or turf on the property  
43 owner's property.

44 Section 3. Section **57-8a-231** is enacted to read:

45 **57-8a-231. Lawn requirements.**

46 (1) As used in this section:

47 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural land  
48 planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

49 (b) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

50 (2) An association may not enact or enforce a governing document that requires, or has  
51 the effect of requiring, a lot owner of a detached dwelling to plant or maintain lawn or turf on  
52 the lot owner's property.

53 Section 4. Section **57-16-20** is enacted to read:

54 **57-16-20. Lawn requirements.**

55 (1) As used in this section:

56 (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), "lawn or turf" means nonagricultural  
57 land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses.

58 (ii) "Lawn or turf" does not include a golf course, park, athletic field, or sod farm.

59            (b) "Park operator" means an owner, operator, or manager of a mobile home park,  
60 including an employee, agent, or independent contractor of the owner, operator, or manager.

61            (2) Notwithstanding Subsection [57-16-7\(3\)](#), a park operator may not require, or adopt a  
62 rule that has the effect of requiring, a mobile park resident to plant or maintain lawn or turf on  
63 the property that the mobile park resident leases or rents.