

Senator Thomas V. Hatch proposes the following substitute bill:

CHANGING AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill removes the age requirement for hunting small game and changes the age requirement for hunting big game.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ removes the age requirement to hunt turkey and small game;
- ▶ changes the age requirement to hunt big game from 14 to 12;
- ▶ prohibits a person under the age of 14 from obtaining certain permits;
- ▶ clarifies the meaning of verbal communication for adult supervision; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on August 1, 2006.

Utah Code Sections Affected:



26 AMENDS:

27 **23-19-17**, as last amended by Chapter 287, Laws of Utah 2004

28 **23-19-22**, as last amended by Chapter 259, Laws of Utah 1995

29 **23-19-22.6**, as enacted by Chapters 66 and 287, Laws of Utah 2004

30 **23-19-24**, as last amended by Chapter 22, Laws of Utah 2001

31 **23-19-26**, as last amended by Chapter 287, Laws of Utah 2004

32 **23-20-20**, as last amended by Chapter 131, Laws of Utah 1988

33 REPEALS:

34 **23-19-25**, as last amended by Chapter 287, Laws of Utah 2004



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

37 Section 1. Section **23-19-17** is amended to read:

38 **23-19-17. Resident fishing and hunting license -- Use of fee.**

39 (1) A resident [~~12 years of age or older~~], upon payment of the fee prescribed by the
40 Wildlife Board, may receive a combination license to fish and to hunt for small game as
41 provided in the rules of the Wildlife Board.

42 [~~(2) A person 11 years of age, upon payment of the fee, may obtain a license to fish and
43 to hunt small game if that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year in which the
44 license is issued.~~]

45 [~~(3)~~] (2) One dollar of the combination license fee shall be used for the hunter
46 education program [~~in~~] for any of the following:

- 47 (a) instructor and student training;
- 48 (b) assisting local organizations with development;
- 49 (c) maintenance of existing facilities; or
- 50 (d) operation and maintenance of the hunter education program.

51 [~~(4)~~] (3) (a) Fifty cents of the combination license fee shall be used for the upland
52 game program as follows:

- 53 (i) to acquire pen-raised birds; or
- 54 (ii) to capture and transplant upland game species.

55 (b) The combination license fee revenue designated for the upland game program by
56 Subsection [~~(4)~~] (3)(a) is in addition to any combination license fee revenue that may be used

57 for the upland game program as provided by Sections 23-19-43 and 23-19-47.

58 Section 2. Section **23-19-22** is amended to read:

59 **23-19-22. Big game hunting permit.**

60 (1) A person [~~14~~] who is at least 12 years [of age or older] old, upon paying the fee
61 prescribed by the Wildlife Board, may receive a permit to hunt big game as provided by rules
62 of the Wildlife Board.

63 (2) A person [~~13~~] who is 11 years [of age] old may obtain a permit to hunt big game if
64 that person's [~~14th~~] 12th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit is issued.

65 (3) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (3)(b), a person who is younger than 14 years
66 old may not apply for or obtain the following types of big game permits issued by the division
67 through a public drawing:

- 68 (i) premium limited entry;
- 69 (ii) limited entry;
- 70 (iii) once-in-a-lifetime; and
- 71 (iv) cooperative wildlife management unit.

72 (b) A person who is 13 years old may obtain a type of permit listed in Subsection (3)(a)
73 if that person's 14th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit is issued.

74 [~~3~~] (4) One dollar of each big game permit fee collected from a resident shall be used
75 for the hunter education program as provided in Section 23-19-17.

76 Section 3. Section **23-19-22.6** is amended to read:

77 **23-19-22.6. Turkey hunting permit.**

78 (1) A person [~~12 years of age or older~~], upon payment of the fee, may receive a permit
79 to take turkey as provided by rules of the Wildlife Board.

80 [~~(2) A person 11 years of age, upon payment of the fee, may obtain a permit to hunt~~
81 ~~turkey if that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year in which the permit is~~
82 ~~issued.]~~

83 [~~3~~] (2) One dollar of each turkey permit fee collected from a resident shall be used for
84 the hunter education program.

85 Section 4. Section **23-19-24** is amended to read:

86 **23-19-24. Small game hunting license -- Resident -- Use of fee.**

87 (1) A resident [~~14 years of age or older~~], upon payment of the fee prescribed by the

88 Wildlife Board, may receive a license to hunt small game.

89 (2) One dollar of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the hunter
90 education program.

91 (3) (a) Fifty cents of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the upland
92 game program as follows:

93 (i) to acquire pen-raised birds; or

94 (ii) to capture and transplant upland game species.

95 (b) The small game license fee revenue designated for the upland game program by
96 Subsection (3)(a) is in addition to any small game license fee revenue that may be used for the
97 upland game program as provided by Sections 23-19-43 and 23-19-47.

98 Section 5. Section **23-19-26** is amended to read:

99 **23-19-26. Nonresident small game hunting license -- Use of fee.**

100 (1) A nonresident [~~12 years of age or older~~], upon payment of the fee prescribed by the
101 Wildlife Board, may receive a license to hunt small game.

102 [~~(2) A nonresident 11 years of age, upon payment of the fee, may obtain a license to
103 hunt small game if that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year in which the
104 license is issued.~~]

105 [~~(3)~~] (2) (a) Fifty cents of the small game hunting license fee shall be used for the
106 upland game program as follows:

107 (i) to acquire pen-raised birds; or

108 (ii) to capture and transplant upland game species.

109 (b) The small game license fee revenue designated for the upland game program by
110 Subsection [~~(3)~~] (2)(a) is in addition to any small game license fee revenue that may be used
111 for the upland game program as provided by Sections 23-19-43 and 23-19-47.

112 Section 6. Section **23-20-20** is amended to read:

113 **23-20-20. Children accompanied by adults while hunting with weapon.**

114 (1) As used in this section[~~,"accompanied"~~]:

115 (a) "Accompanied" means at a distance within which visual and verbal communication
116 is maintained for the purposes of advising and assisting.

117 (b) (i) "Electronic device" means a mechanism powered by electricity that allows
118 communication between two or more people.

119 (ii) "Electronic device" includes a mobile telephone or two-way radio.

120 (c) "Verbal communication" means the conveyance of information through speech that
121 does not involve an electronic device.

122 (2) A person ~~[under the age of]~~ younger than 14 years old who is hunting with any
123 weapon must be accompanied by ~~[his]~~:

124 (a) the person's parent or legal guardian[;]; or [other]

125 (b) a responsible person [of the age of] who is at least 21 years [or older and] old and
126 who is approved by [his] the person's parent or guardian[; while hunting with any weapon].

127 (3) A person ~~[of at least 14 years of age and under]~~ younger than 16 years [of age] old
128 who is hunting big game with any weapon must be accompanied by ~~[his]~~:

129 (a) the person's parent or legal guardian[;]; or [other]

130 (b) a responsible person [of the age of] who is at least 21 years [or older and] old and
131 who is approved by [his] the person's parent or guardian[; while hunting big game with any
132 weapon].

133 (4) A person ~~[of]~~ who is at least 14 years [of age and under] old but younger than 16
134 years [of age] old must be accompanied by a person ~~[of the age of]~~ at least 21 years [or older]
135 old while hunting wildlife, other than big game, with any weapon.

136 ~~[(5) A person under the age of 12 years is not permitted to hunt for protected wildlife~~
137 ~~except as provided by rules of the Wildlife Board.]~~

138 **Section 7. Repealer.**

139 This bill repeals:

140 **Section 23-19-25, Resident small game hunting license -- Use of fee.**

141 **Section 8. Effective date.**

142 This bill takes effect on August 1, 2006.