

1 **REQUIREMENT TO WEAR HUNTER ORANGE**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2009 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Stephen E. Sandstrom**

6 Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill amends a provision in the Wildlife Resources Code regarding the requirement
11 to wear hunter orange.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ exempts a person from the requirement to wear hunter orange while using certain
15 types of hunting permits.

16 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **23-20-31**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 294

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

25 Section 1. Section **23-20-31** is amended to read:

26 **23-20-31. Requirement to wear hunter orange -- Exceptions.**

27 (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) (i) "Centerfire rifle hunt" means a hunt for which a hunter may use a centerfire
29 rifle, except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii).

- 30 (ii) "Centerfire rifle hunt" does not include:
- 31 (A) a bighorn sheep hunt;
- 32 (B) a mountain goat hunt;
- 33 (C) a bison hunt;
- 34 (D) a moose hunt;
- 35 [~~(E)~~] (E) a hunt requiring the hunter to possess a statewide conservation permit; or
- 36 [~~(F)~~] (F) a hunt requiring the hunter to possess a statewide sportsman permit.
- 37 (b) "Statewide conservation permit" means a permit:
- 38 (i) issued by the division;
- 39 (ii) distributed through a nonprofit organization founded for the purpose of promoting
- 40 wildlife conservation; and
- 41 (iii) valid:
- 42 (A) on open hunting units statewide; and
- 43 (B) for the species of big game and time period designated by the Wildlife Board.
- 44 (c) "Statewide sportsman permit" means a permit:
- 45 (i) issued by the division through a public draw; and
- 46 (ii) valid:
- 47 (A) on open hunting units statewide; and
- 48 (B) for the species of big game and time period designated by the Wildlife Board.
- 49 (2) (a) A person shall wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange material
- 50 while hunting any species of big game, except as provided in Subsection (3).
- 51 (b) Hunter orange material must be worn on the head, chest, and back.
- 52 [~~(c) A camouflage pattern in hunter orange does not meet the requirements of~~
- 53 ~~Subsection (2)(a):]~~
- 54 (3) A person is not required to wear the hunter orange material described in
- 55 Subsection (2):
- 56 (a) during [an archery, muzzle-loader, mountain goat, or bighorn sheep hunt] the
- 57 following types of hunts, unless a centerfire rifle hunt is in progress in the same area[.]:

- 58 (i) archery;
- 59 (ii) muzzle-loader;
- 60 (iii) mountain goat;
- 61 (iv) bighorn sheep;
- 62 (v) bison; or
- 63 (vi) moose; or
- 64 (b) as provided by a rule of the Wildlife Board.