

1 **FALCONRY AMENDMENTS**

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Jeremy A. Peterson**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill enacts provisions related to falconry.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ prohibits a municipality or a county from enacting an ordinance that limits a
13 registered falconer from keeping a raptor at the falconer's residence.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 ENACTS:

20 **10-9a-526**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

21 **17-27a-525**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

24 Section 1. Section **10-9a-526** is enacted to read:

25 **10-9a-526. Regulation of raptors.**

26 (1) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Raptor" means any bird or hybrid of the order Accipitriformes, order



28 Falconiformes, or order Strigiformes.

29 (b) "Registered falconer" means an individual who holds a valid certificate of
30 registration under Section 23-19-34.5 to keep falcons and engage in the sport of falconry.

31 (2) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or other regulation that
32 limits a registered falconer's ability to keep a raptor:

33 (a) at the registered falconer's residence; and

34 (b) in accordance with applicable state law and administrative rules.

35 Section 2. Section 17-27a-525 is enacted to read:

36 **17-27a-525. Regulation of raptors.**

37 (1) As used in this section:

38 (a) "Raptor" means any bird or hybrid of the order Accipitriformes, order
39 Falconiformes, or order Strigiformes.

40 (b) "Registered falconer" means an individual who holds a valid certificate of
41 registration under Section 23-19-34.5 to keep falcons and engage in the sport of falconry.

42 (2) A county may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or other regulation that limits a
43 registered falconer's ability to keep a raptor:

44 (a) at the registered falconer's residence; and

45 (b) in accordance with applicable state law and administrative rules.

Legislative Review Note
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