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Mowing Ordinance Amendments
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay
House Sponsor: Thomas W. Peterson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to municipal and county regulation of golf courses.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits a municipality or county from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits golf course maintenance operations between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; and
- provides that a municipality or county may prohibit or restrict golf course maintenance during certain hours for a golf course that is owned by the municipality or county.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

- 10-8-85.11**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 17-60-509**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **10-8-85.11** is enacted to read:

10-8-85.11 . Golf courses -- Limitations on municipal ordinances restricting golf course maintenance.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Golf course" means:

- (i) a privately owned golf course that is located, in whole or in part, within municipal

- 29 boundaries; or
- 30 (ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within municipal boundaries, that is
- 31 owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.
- 32 (b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing or trimming grass as part of the routine
- 33 upkeep of golf course grounds.
- 34 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a municipality may not enact or enforce an
- 35 ordinance that prohibits a golf course from conducting maintenance operations between
- 36 the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- 37 (3) A municipality may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at a golf course at any
- 38 time if the golf course is owned by the municipality.

39 Section 2. Section **17-60-509** is enacted to read:

40 **17-60-509 . Golf courses -- Limitations on county ordinances restricting golf**

41 **course maintenance.**

- 42 (1) As used in this section:
- 43 (a) "Golf course" means:
- 44 (i) a privately owned golf course that is located, in whole or in part, within an
- 45 unincorporated area of the county; or
- 46 (ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within an unincorporated area of the
- 47 county, that is owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.
- 48 (b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing, trimming, or related activities necessary
- 49 for the routine upkeep of golf course grounds.
- 50 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a county may not enact or enforce an ordinance
- 51 that prohibits a golf course from conducting maintenance operations between the hours
- 52 of 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- 53 (3) A county may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at a golf course at any time if
- 54 the golf course is owned by the county.

55 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

56 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.