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Mowing Ordinance Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor:

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

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

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Highlighted Provisions:

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This bill:

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- ▶ defines terms;

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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.

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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None

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Other Special Clauses:

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

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ENACTS:

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10-8-85.11, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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17-60-509, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

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

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(1) As used in this section:

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(a) "Golf course" means:

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

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(ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within municipal boundaries, that is

owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.

(b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing or trimming grass as part of the routine upkeep of golf course grounds.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a municipality may not enact or enforce an ordinance that prohibits a golf course from conducting maintenance operations between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

(3) A municipality may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at a golf course at any time if the golf course is owned by the municipality.

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

17-60-509 . Golf courses -- Limitations on county 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 an unincorporated area of the county; or

(ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within an unincorporated area of the county, that is owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.

(b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing, trimming, or related activities necessary for the routine upkeep of golf course grounds.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a county may not enact or enforce an ordinance that prohibits a golf course from conducting maintenance operations between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

(3) A county may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at a golf course at any time if the golf course is owned by the county.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.