

**HUNTER SAFETY AMENDMENTS**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Michael R. Styler**

**This act modifies the Wildlife Code to provide exceptions to the requirement of wearing hunter orange material while hunting.**

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**23-20-31**, as enacted by Chapter 178, Laws of Utah 1993

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

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

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

(1) As used in this section:

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

(ii) "Centerfire rifle hunt" does not include:

(A) a bighorn sheep hunt;

(B) a hunt requiring the hunter to possess a statewide conservation permit; or

(C) a hunt requiring the hunter to possess a statewide sportsman permit.

(b) "Statewide conservation permit" means a permit:

(i) issued by the division;

(ii) distributed through a nonprofit organization founded for the purpose of promoting wildlife conservation; and

(iii) valid:

(A) on open hunting units statewide; and

(B) for the species of big game and time period designated by the Wildlife Board.

(c) "Statewide sportsman permit" means a permit:

- 28            (i) issued by the division through a public draw; and
- 29            (ii) valid:
- 30            (A) on open hunting units statewide; and
- 31            (B) for the species of big game and time period designated by the Wildlife Board.
- 32            [~~(1)~~] (2) (a) A person shall wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange
- 33 material while hunting any species of big game, except as provided in Subsection [~~(2)~~] (3).
- 34            (b) Hunter orange material must be worn on the head, chest, and back.
- 35            (c) A camouflage pattern in hunter orange does not meet the requirements of Subsection
- 36 [~~(1)~~] (2)(a).
- 37            [~~(2)~~] (3) A person is not required to wear hunter orange material during an archery,
- 38 muzzle-loader, or bighorn sheep hunt, unless a centerfire rifle hunt is in progress in the same area.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**