

HUNTING LICENSE FEE REFUND

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STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Wildlife Resources Code to allow armed forces, public health, or public safety organization members, in certain situations, to receive a hunting or fishing license, certificate, tag, or permit fee refund, or an opportunity to draw a permit in a future draw.

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

ENACTS:

23-19-38.2, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **23-19-38.2** is enacted to read:

23-19-38.2. Refunds for armed forces members -- Criteria.

(1) A member of the United States Armed Forces or public health or public safety organization who is mobilized or deployed on order in the interest of national defense or emergency and is precluded from participating in the hunting or fishing activity for which the person purchased a license, certificate, tag, or permit, may, as provided in Subsection (2):

(a) receive a refund from the division; and

(b) if the person has drawn a permit, have all opportunities to draw that permit in a future draw reinstated.

(2) To qualify, the person or a legal representative must:

(a) notify the division within a reasonable amount of time that the person is applying for a refund;

(b) surrender the license, certificate, tag, or permit to the division; and

(c) furnish satisfactory proof to the division that the person:

(i) is a member of:

(A) the United States Armed Forces;

(B) a public health organization; or

(C) a public safety organization; and

(ii) was precluded from being able to participate in the hunting or fishing opportunity as a result of being called to active duty.

(3) The Wildlife Board may adopt rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, necessary to administer this section including allowing retroactive refund to September 11, 2001.