

BOW HUNTER SAFETY

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Wildlife Resources Code to allow the Wildlife Board to require a bow hunter education course as a prerequisite for obtaining certain types of archery permits, and to allow the Wildlife Board to make rules implementing this provision. This act allows the Wildlife Board to set fees for the bow hunter education course.

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

AMENDS:

23-19-12.7, as enacted by Chapter 166, Laws of Utah 1998

23-19-13, as last amended by Chapter 120, Laws of Utah 1995

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

Section 1. Section **23-19-12.7** is amended to read:

23-19-12.7. Instruction in bow hunter education -- Issuance of certificate of completion.

(1) The division shall establish criteria for a bow hunter education course, which may be offered by any entity that meets the division's criteria.

(2) The bow hunter education course shall include instruction in:

- (a) the safe use of bow hunting equipment;
- (b) fundamentals of bow hunting;
- (c) shooting and hunting techniques; and
- (d) hunter ethics.

(3) The division shall issue a certificate of completion to a participant upon successful completion of a bow hunter education course which meets the requirements of this section and criteria established by the division.

(4) The Wildlife Board may make the successful completion of a state ~~h~~ **[or nationally]** ~~h~~



28 recognized bow hunter education course a prerequisite to obtaining specified types of archery
29 permits.

30 (5) The Wildlife Board may make rules to implement Subsection (4) in accordance
31 with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

32 Section 2. Section **23-19-13** is amended to read:

33 **23-19-13. Hunter, bow hunter, and furharvester education training -- Fee.**

34 The Wildlife Board shall establish the fees to be assessed for obtaining instruction in
35 hunter education, bow hunter education, and furharvester education.

Legislative Review Note
as of 11-12-02 6:50 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

State Impact

This bill would give the Wildlife Board the option to require a bow hunter education course before issuing some types of archery permits. If the Board chose not to require the course, there would be no fiscal impact. If the Board chose to require the course, it would cost the Division of Wildlife Resources approximately \$25,100 in FY 2004 and \$7,300 in FY 2005, offset by approximately \$4,000 per year in fee revenue. All costs and revenues would impact the General Fund Restricted - Wildlife Resources Account.

Individual and Business Impact

If the Board chose to require the course, individual bow hunters would be assessed a bow hunter education fee of approximately \$6.
