

1 **AGE AMENDMENTS FOR HUNTING BIG GAME**

2 2006 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Curtis Oda**

5 Senate Sponsor: Thomas V. Hatch

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill changes the age requirement for hunting big game.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ changes the age requirement to hunt big game from 14 to 12;
- 13 ▶ prohibits a person under the age of 14 from obtaining certain permits;
- 14 ▶ clarifies the meaning of verbal communication for adult supervision; and
- 15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 **AMENDS:**

22 **23-19-22**, as last amended by Chapter 259, Laws of Utah 1995

23 **23-20-20**, as last amended by Chapter 131, Laws of Utah 1988

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

26 Section 1. Section **23-19-22** is amended to read:

27 **23-19-22. Big game hunting permit.**



28 (1) A person [~~14~~] who is at least 12 years [~~of age or older~~] old, upon paying the fee
 29 prescribed by the Wildlife Board, may receive a permit to hunt big game as provided by rules
 30 of the Wildlife Board.

31 (2) A person [~~13~~] who is 11 years [~~of age~~] old may obtain a permit to hunt big game if
 32 that person's [~~14th~~] 12th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit is issued.

33 (3) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (3)(b), a person who is younger than 14 years
 34 old may not obtain the following types of permit to hunt big game:

35 (i) premium limited entry;

36 (ii) limited entry;

37 (iii) once-in-a-lifetime; and

38 (iv) cooperative wildlife management unit.

39 (b) A person who is 13 years old may obtain a type of permit listed in Subsection (3)(a)
 40 if that person's 14th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit is issued.

41 [~~3~~] (4) One dollar of each big game permit fee collected from a resident shall be used
 42 for the hunter education program as provided in Section 23-19-17.

43 Section 2. Section **23-20-20** is amended to read:

44 **23-20-20. Children accompanied by adults while hunting with weapon.**

45 (1) As used in this section[~~,"accompanied"~~]:

46 (a) "Accompanied" means at a distance within which visual and verbal communication
 47 is maintained for the purposes of advising and assisting.

48 (b) (i) "Electronic device" means a mechanism powered by electricity that allows
 49 communication between two or more people.

50 (ii) "Electronic device" includes a mobile telephone or two-way radio.

51 (c) "Verbal communication" means the conveyance of information through speech that
 52 does not involve an electronic device.

53 (2) A person [~~under the age of~~] younger than 14 years old who is hunting with any
 54 weapon must be accompanied by [~~his~~]:

55 (a) the person's parent or legal guardian[;]; or [~~other~~]

56 (b) a responsible person [~~of the age of~~] who is at least 21 years [~~or older and~~] old and
 57 who is approved by [~~his~~] the person's parent or guardian[~~,"while hunting with any weapon"].~~

58 (3) A person [~~of at least 14 years of age and under~~] younger than 16 years [~~of age~~] old

59 who is hunting big game with any weapon must be accompanied by [his]:
60 (a) the person's parent or legal guardian[;]; or [~~other~~]
61 (b) a responsible person [~~of the age of~~] who is at least 21 years [~~or older and~~] old and
62 who is approved by [his] the person's parent or guardian[; ~~while hunting big game with any~~
63 ~~weapon~~].
64 (4) A person [~~of~~] who is at least 14 years [~~of age and under~~] old but younger than 16
65 years [~~of age~~] old must be accompanied by a person [~~of the age of~~] at least 21 years [~~or older~~]
66 old while hunting wildlife, other than big game, with any weapon.
67 [~~(5) A person under the age of 12 years is not permitted to hunt for protected wildlife~~
68 ~~except as provided by rules of the Wildlife Board.~~]

Legislative Review Note
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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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State Impact

It is estimated that 1,000 new applications would be issued as a result of this bill. This would generate \$5,000 of additional revenues.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Restricted Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

Individual and Business Impact

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