

AGE AMENDMENTS FOR HUNTING BIG GAME

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Curtis Oda

Senate Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill changes the age requirement for hunting big game.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- changes the age requirement to hunt big game from 14 to 12;
prohibits a person under the age of 14 from obtaining certain permits; and
makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

23-19-22. Big game hunting permit.

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

(2) (a) A person [13] who is 11 years [of age] old may apply for or obtain a permit to

30 hunt big game if that person's ~~[14th]~~ 12th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the  
31 permit is issued.

32 (b) A person may not use a permit to hunt big game before the person's 12th birthday.

33 (3) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (3)(b), a person who is younger than 14 years  
34 old may not apply for or obtain the following types of big game permits issued by the division  
35 through a public drawing:

36 (i) premium limited entry;

37 (ii) limited entry;

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

39 (iv) cooperative wildlife management unit.

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

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