

Senator Dennis E. Stowell proposes the following substitute bill:

**EXEMPTION FROM FISHING LICENSE**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill authorizes members younger than 14 years old and adult volunteer leaders to fish without a license during a youth organization activity.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes members younger than 14 years old and adult volunteer leaders to fish during a youth organization activity without a fishing license if the organization receives proper documentation;
- ▶ requires the adult leader to instruct the youth members on fishing laws;
- ▶ requires the Division of Wildlife Resources to provide educational materials on fishing laws; and
- ▶ authorizes the Division of Wildlife Resources to make rules to implement this section.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



26 ENACTS:

27 **23-19-14.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

30 Section 1. Section **23-19-14.5** is enacted to read:

31 **23-19-14.5. Persons participating in youth organization activity authorized to fish**  
32 **without license.**

33 (1) As used in this section, "youth organization" means:

34 (a) the Boy Scouts of America;

35 (b) the Girls Scouts of the USA; or

36 (c) a nonprofit corporation, as defined in Section 16-6a-102, that promotes character  
37 building through outdoor activities.

38 (2) The Division of Wildlife Resources shall permit a person to fish without a license  
39 during a youth organization activity if:

40 (a) the person is:

41 (i) (A) a member of a youth organization ; and

42 (B) younger than 14 years old; or

43 (ii) an adult volunteer leader of a youth organization;

44 (b) the fishing is in compliance with all fishing statutes and rules; and

45 (c) the adult volunteer leader obtains from the youth organization:

46 (i) a valid tour permit; or

47 (ii) official documentation that specifies:

48 (A) the date and place of the fishing;

49 (B) the name of any adult volunteer leader that will supervise the fishing; and

50 (C) that the activity is officially sanctioned by the youth organization.

51 (3) (a) The adult volunteer leader shall instruct the members on fishing statutes and  
52 rules.

53 (b) The division shall provide educational materials on its website to assist the adult  
54 volunteer leader in complying with Subsection (3)(a).

55 (4) By following the procedures and requirements of Tile 63, Chapter 46a,

56 Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Wildlife Board shall adopt rules specifying the form of the

57 official documentation required by Subsection (2)(c)(ii).

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**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill could reduce the restricted revenues of the Division of Wildlife Resources by an estimated \$2,800 per year.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund Restricted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,800)	(\$2,800)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2,800)</b>	<b>(\$2,800)</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for businesses or local governments. Certain individuals associated with some youth organizations will be able to fish without a license during those organizations' activities.

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