

1                                   **HABITUAL WANTON DESTRUCTION OF**  
2   **WILDLIFE**

3   2010 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: Curtis Oda**

6   Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10                   This bill elevates to a third degree felony a third violation of the crime of wanton  
11   destruction of protected wildlife.

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13                   This bill:

14                   ▶ makes a third violation of the crime of wanton destruction of protected wildlife a  
15   new crime, called habitual wanton destruction of protected wildlife; and

16                   ▶ makes the crime of habitual wanton destruction of protected wildlife a third degree  
17   felony.

18   **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

19                   None

20   **Other Special Clauses:**

21                   None

22   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23   ENACTS:

24                   **23-20-4.7**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

27                   Section 1. Section **23-20-4.7** is enacted to read:



28            **23-20-4.7. Habitual wanton destruction of protected wildlife -- Third degree**  
29 **felony.**

30            (1) A person is guilty of habitual wanton destruction of protected wildlife if the person:

31            (a) takes a big game animal in violation of Section 23-20-4; and

32            (b) has twice before been convicted of taking a big game animal in violation of Section  
33 23-20-4.

34            (2) "Convicted," for purposes of this section, includes a guilty adjudication, guilty plea,  
35 no contest plea, and guilty or no contest plea entered in a plea in abeyance agreement under  
36 Title 77, Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance.

37            (3) Habitual wanton destruction of protected wildlife is a third degree felony.

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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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 individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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