

**PREDATOR CONTROL FUNDING**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins**

House Sponsor: Kay L. McIff

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill imposes a fee and creates an account to fund a program to control predatory animals.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ imposes a fee of \$5 on big game hunting permits to be deposited in the Predator Control Restricted Account;
- ▶ creates a Predator Control Restricted Account within the General Fund;
- ▶ provides for the expenditure of money from the restricted account to fund a predator control program; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Wildlife Resources:
  - from the Predator Control Restricted Account, \$600,000, subject to intent language that the appropriation shall be used to fund a predator control program to control populations of predatory animals that endanger the health of nonpredatory wildlife populations.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

30           **23-19-22**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapters 139 and 187

31 ENACTS:

32           **23-19-48**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

36           **23-19-22. Big game hunting permit.**

37           (1) A person who is at least 12 years old, upon paying the big game hunting permit fee  
38 established by the Wildlife Board, paying the fee established by Subsection (5), and possessing  
39 a valid hunting or combination license, may apply for or obtain a permit to hunt big game as  
40 provided by rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

41           (2) (a) A person who is 11 years old may apply for or obtain a big game hunting permit  
42 consistent with the requirements of Subsection (1) if that person's 12th birthday falls within the  
43 calendar year for which the permit is issued.

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

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

48           (i) premium limited entry;

49           (ii) limited entry;

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

51           (iv) cooperative wildlife management unit.

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

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

56           (5) There is established a fee in the amount of \$5 added to each permit under this  
57 section to be deposited in the Predator Control Restricted Account.

58 Section 2. Section **23-19-48** is enacted to read:

59 **23-19-48. Predator Control Restricted Account -- Contents -- Use of funds.**

60 (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the Predator  
61 Control Restricted Account.

62 (2) The restricted account includes:

63 (a) deposits made to the restricted account from fees established on hunting permits in  
64 accordance with Section 23-19-22; and

65 (b) any other amount deposited in the restricted account from donations or  
66 appropriations.

67 (3) Money from the restricted account shall be used by the division to fund a predator  
68 control program to control populations of predatory animals that endanger the health of  
69 nonpredatory wildlife populations in the state, consistent with the policies of the Wildlife  
70 Board.

71 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

72 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the  
73 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or  
74 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the  
75 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. These are in addition to any  
76 amount previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013.

77 To Department of Natural Resources - Division of Wildlife Resources

78 From the General Fund - Predator Control Restricted Account, ongoing \$600,000

79 Schedule of programs:

80 Wildlife Section \$600,000

81 The Legislature intends that, under Section 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, appropriations  
82 under this section do not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2013.