

**PREDATOR CONTROL FUNDING**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins**

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

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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:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

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

ENACTS:

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



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

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

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

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

(i) premium limited entry;

(ii) limited entry;

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

(iv) cooperative wildlife management unit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The restricted account includes:

(a) deposits made to the restricted account from fees established on hunting permits in

59 accordance with Sections 23-19-22, 23-19-22.5, and 23-19-22.6; and

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

62 (3) Money from the restricted account shall be used by the division to fund a predator  
63 control program to control populations of predatory animals that endanger the health of  
64 non-predatory wildlife populations in the state, consistent with the policies of the Wildlife  
65 Board.

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