

WILDLIFE AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mike Schultz

Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies commercial hunting area provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- modifies age requirements;
- modifies hunter education requirements; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:****23-17-6**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 297

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*Section 1. Section **23-17-6** is amended to read:**23-17-6. Commercial hunting area -- Registration -- Requirements for hunters.**

(1) (a) ~~[Any]~~ A person desiring to operate a commercial hunting area within ~~[this]~~ the state to permit the releasing and shooting of pen-raised birds may apply to the Wildlife Board



for authorization to do so.

(b) The Wildlife Board may issue the applicant a certificate of registration to operate a commercial hunting area in accordance with rules prescribed by the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(c) The Wildlife Board may determine the number of commercial hunting areas that may be established in each county of the state.

(2) ~~[Any]~~ (a) A certificate of registration issued under Subsection (1) shall specify the species of birds that the applicant may propagate, keep, and release for shooting on the area covered by the certificate of registration.

(b) The applicant may charge a fee for harvesting ~~[these]~~ the birds specified under Subsection (2)(a).

(3) (a) ~~[Any]~~ A person hunting within the state on ~~[any]~~ a commercial hunting area shall:

~~[(i) be at least 12 years old;]~~

~~[(ii)]~~ (i) (A) possess proof of passing a division-approved hunter education course, if the person was born after December 31, 1965; ~~[and]~~ or

(B) possess a trial hunting authorization issued under Section 23-19-14.6; ~~H~~→ [and]

(ii) comply with the accompaniment requirements of Sections 23-19-14.6 and 23-20-20, if applicable; and

~~[H]~~ (iii) ~~[H]~~ ~~[(ii)]~~ ~~←H~~ have the permission of the owner or operator of the commercial hunting area.

(b) The operator of a commercial hunting area shall verify that each hunter on the commercial hunting area meets the requirements of ~~[Subsections]~~ Subsection (3)(a)(i) ~~[and (3)(a)(ii)]~~.

(4) Hunting on commercial hunting areas ~~[shall be]~~ is permitted only during the commercial hunting area season prescribed by the Wildlife Board.

Legislative Review Note

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