

1 **WILDLIFE AMENDMENTS**

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Mike K. McKell**

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill clarifies the nature of a license, permit, tag, certificate of registration, point, or  
10 credit issued to a person by the Division of Wildlife Resources and modifies procedures  
11 for receiving a big game hunting permit.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ states that a license, permit, tag, or certificate of registration issued to a person by  
15 the Division of Wildlife Resources is a privilege, not a right;

16 ▶ states that a point or credit issued to a person to improve the person's chances of  
17 receiving a hunting permit in a division-administered drawing:

18 • may not be transferred, sold, or assigned to another person; and

19 • is not a right;

20 ▶ modifies the procedure for receiving a big game hunting permit; and

21 ▶ makes technical changes.

22 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 None

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 None

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:

28 **23-19-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 418

29 **23-19-14.6**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 33

30 23-19-22, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 142



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

33 Section 1. Section 23-19-1 is amended to read:

34 **23-19-1. Possession of licenses, certificates of registration, permits, and tags**  
35 **required -- Nonassignability -- Exceptions -- Free fishing day -- Nature of licenses,**  
36 **permits, or tags issued by the division.**

37 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a person may not take, hunt, fish, or seine  
38 protected wildlife or sell, trade, or barter protected wildlife or wildlife parts unless the person:

39 (a) procures the necessary licenses, certificates of registration, permits, or tags required  
40 under this title, by rule made by the Wildlife Board under this title, or by an order or  
41 proclamation issued in accordance with a rule made by the Wildlife Board under this title; and

42 (b) carries in the person's possession while engaging in the activities described in  
43 Subsection (1) the license, certificate of registration, permit, or tag required under this title, by  
44 rule made by the Wildlife Board under this title, or by an order or proclamation issued in  
45 accordance with a rule made by the Wildlife Board under this title.

46 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3) a person may not:

47 (a) lend, transfer, sell, give, or assign:

48 (i) a license, certificate of registration, permit, or tag belonging to the person; or

49 (ii) a right granted by a license, certificate of registration, permit, or tag; or

50 (b) use or attempt to use a license, certificate of registration, permit, or tag of another  
51 person.

52 (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
53 Wildlife Board may, by rule, make exceptions to the prohibitions described in Subsection (2)  
54 to:

55 (a) transport wildlife;

56 (b) allow a person to take protected wildlife for another person if:

57 (i) the person possessing the license, certificate of registration, permit, or tag has a

58 permanent physical impairment due to a congenital or acquired injury or disease; and  
59 (ii) the injury or disease described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) results in the person having a  
60 disability that renders the person physically unable to use a legal hunting weapon or fishing  
61 device;

62 (c) allow a resident minor under 18 years of age to use the resident or nonresident  
63 hunting permit of another person if:

64 (i) the resident minor is:

65 (A) the permit holder's child, stepchild, grandchild, or legal ward, if the permit holder's  
66 guardianship of the legal ward is based solely on the minor's age; or  
67 (B) suffering from a life threatening medical condition; and

68 (ii) the permit holder:

69 (A) receives no form of compensation or remuneration for allowing the minor to use  
70 the permit;

71 (B) obtains the division's prior written approval to allow the minor to use the permit;  
72 and

73 (C) accompanies the minor, for the purposes of advising and assisting during the hunt,  
74 at a distance where the permit holder can communicate with the minor, in person, by voice or  
75 visual signals; or

76 (d) subject to the requirements of Subsection (4), transfer to another person a certificate  
77 of registration to harvest brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs, if the certificate is transferred in  
78 connection with the sale or transfer of the brine shrimp harvest operation or harvesting  
79 equipment.

80 (4) A person may transfer a certificate of registration to harvest brine shrimp and brine  
81 shrimp eggs if:

82 (a) the person submits to the division an application to transfer the certificate on a form  
83 provided by the division;

84 (b) the proposed transferee meets all requirements necessary to obtain an original  
85 certificate of registration; and

86 (c) the division approves the transfer of the certificate.

87 (5) A person is not required to obtain a license, certificate of registration, permit, or tag  
88 to:

89 (a) fish on a free fishing day that the Wildlife Board may establish each year by rule  
90 made by the Wildlife Board under this title or by an order or proclamation issued in accordance  
91 with a rule made by the Wildlife Board under this title;

92 (b) fish at a private fish pond operated in accordance with Section 23-15-10; or

93 (c) hunt birds on a commercial hunting area that the owner or operator is authorized to  
94 propagate, keep, and release for shooting in accordance with a certificate of registration issued  
95 under Section 23-17-6.

96 (6) (a) A license, permit, tag, or certificate of registration issued under this title, or the  
97 rules of the Wildlife Board issued pursuant to authority granted by this title, to take protected  
98 wildlife is:

99 (i) a privilege; and

100 (ii) not a right or property for any purpose.

101 (b) A point or other form of credit issued to, or accumulated by, a person under  
102 procedures established by the Wildlife Board in rule to improve the likelihood of obtaining a  
103 hunting permit in a division-administered drawing:

104 (i) may not be transferred, sold, or assigned to another person; and

105 (ii) is not a right or property for any purpose.

106 Section 2. Section 23-19-14.6 is amended to read:

107 **23-19-14.6. Trial hunting authorization.**

108 (1) Upon application, the division may issue a trial hunting authorization to an  
109 individual who:

110 (a) is 11 years of age or older at the time of application;

111 (b) is eligible under state and federal law to possess a firearm and archery equipment;

112 and

113 (c) (i) was born after 1965; and

- 114 (ii) has not completed a division approved hunter education course.
- 115 (2) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 23-19-11, an individual who has
- 116 obtained a trial hunting authorization under Subsection (1) may obtain:
- 117 (a) a hunting license under Sections 23-19-17, 23-19-24, and 23-19-26; or
- 118 (b) a hunting permit authorized by the Wildlife Board under Subsection (4).
- 119 (3) An individual who has obtained a hunting license or permit with a trial hunting
- 120 authorization under Subsection (2) may use the license or permit if the individual is:
- 121 (a) 12 years of age or older[~~except as required in Subsection 23-19-22(3)~~]; and
- 122 (b) accompanied, as defined in Subsection 23-20-20(1), in the field while hunting by
- 123 an individual who:
- 124 (i) is 21 years of age or older;
- 125 (ii) is eligible under state and federal law to possess a firearm and archery equipment;
- 126 (iii) possesses a current Utah hunting or combination license;
- 127 (iv) has satisfied applicable hunter education requirements under this chapter; and
- 128 (v) possesses the written consent of the holder's parent or legal guardian, if
- 129 accompanying a holder of a trial hunting authorization who is under 18 years of age.
- 130 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
- 131 Wildlife Board may make rules to:
- 132 (a) designate the types of hunting permits under Subsection (2) that may be obtained
- 133 with a trial hunting authorization;
- 134 (b) establish the term of a trial hunting authorization;
- 135 (c) establish the number of years a person may obtain a trial hunting authorization;
- 136 (d) prescribe the number of individuals using a trial hunting authorization that an
- 137 individual may accompany in the field under Subsection (3) at a single time;
- 138 (e) establish the application process for an individual to obtain a trial hunting
- 139 authorization; and
- 140 (f) administer and enforce the provisions of this section.
- 141 Section 3. Section 23-19-22 is amended to read:

142           **23-19-22. Big game hunting permit.**

143           (1) A person who is at least 12 years old, upon paying the big game hunting permit fee  
144 established by the Wildlife Board, paying the fee established by Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (4), and  
145 possessing a valid hunting or combination license, may apply for or obtain a permit to hunt big  
146 game as provided by rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

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

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

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

154           ~~[(i) premium limited entry;]~~

155           ~~[(ii) limited entry;]~~

156           ~~[(iii) once-in-a-lifetime; and]~~

157           ~~[(iv) cooperative wildlife management unit.]~~

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

161           ~~[(4)]~~ (3) One dollar of each big game permit fee collected from a resident shall be used  
162 for the hunter education program as provided in Section 23-19-17.

163           ~~[(5)]~~ (4) There is established a fee in the amount of \$5 added to each permit under this  
164 section to be deposited in the Predator Control Restricted Account.