

## HB0295S02 compared with HB0295S01

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Representative Casey Snider proposes the following substitute bill:

### WILDLIFE MODIFICATIONS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Casey Snider**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### LONG TITLE

##### General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to the hunting of waterfowl and other wildlife.

##### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;

~~{~~ → prohibits the use of trail cameras on public land at certain times, with specific exceptions;

- ▶ authorizes and instructs the Wildlife Board to make rules governing the use of trail cameras;
- ▶ prohibits big game baiting;
- ▶ prohibits the construction of permanent blinds or other structures used for hunting within a waterfowl management area;

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- ▶ prohibits commercial hunting guides from transporting individuals across a waterfowl management area; and
- ▶ authorizes and instructs the Wildlife Board to make rules regarding the creation and management of waterfowl management areas.

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### Utah Code Sections Affected:

#### AMENDS:

**23-13-18**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 34

#### ENACTS:

**23-16-11**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**23-32-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**23-32-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**23-32-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**23-32-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **23-13-18** is amended to read:

**23-13-18. Use of a computer or other device to remotely hunt wildlife prohibited**

**-- Trail cameras.**

(1) A person may not use a computer or other device to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a firearm or other weapon for hunting an animal.

(2) A person who violates Subsection (1) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

(3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "trail camera" means a device that is not held or manually operated by a person and is used to capture images, video, or location data of wildlife using heat or motion to trigger the device.

(b) ~~Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), it is unlawful for a person to place, maintain, or use a trail camera or similar device on public land at any time during the period beginning August 1 and ending December 31 of each year.~~

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~~(c) Subsection (3)(b) does not apply to:~~

~~(i) a person who places, maintains, or uses a trail camera on the person's private property or on private property with the landowner's permission; or~~

~~(ii) an individual who is acting within the scope of the individual's official duties if:~~

~~(A) the individual is an employee or authorized agent of the state, a political subdivision of the state, the federal government, an institution of higher education as that term is defined in Section 76-8-701, or a foreign nonprofit corporation or domestic nonprofit corporation as those terms are defined in Section 16-6a-102; and~~

~~(B) the individual clearly marks each trail camera or similar device to indicate ownership;~~

~~(d) } In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Wildlife Board shall make rules ~~to create a system or process to facilitate the enforcement of this Subsection (3):~~~~

~~(e) regulating the use of trail cameras.~~

(c) The division shall provide an annual report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee regarding ~~any~~ rules made or changed in accordance with this Subsection (3).

Section 2. Section **23-16-11** is enacted to read:

### **23-16-11. Big game baiting prohibited.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) (i) "Bait" means intentionally placing food or nutrient substances to manipulate the behavior of wildlife for the purpose of taking or attempting to take big game.

(ii) "Bait" does not include:

(A) the use of ~~a chemical as an attractant or mask;~~

~~(B) the use of } salt, mineral blocks, or other commonly used types of livestock ~~substances~~ supplements placed in the field by agricultural producers for normal agricultural purposes; or~~

~~(C) } (B) standing crops, ~~flooded standing crops or aquatics,~~ natural vegetation, ~~flooded~~ harvested croplands, or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice.~~

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(b) "Baited area" means all land within a 50-yard radius of the site where bait is placed, including the site where bait is placed.

(2) Unless authorized by a certificate of registration, it is unlawful to:

(a) bait big game ~~{ between August 1 and December 31 of each year};~~

(b) take big game in a baited area; or

(c) take big game that has been lured to or is traveling from a baited area.

(3) The division may only issue a certificate of registration to allow for the baiting of big game if the division determines that baiting is necessary to alleviate substantial big game depredation on cultivated crops or to facilitate the removal of deer causing property damage within cities or towns.

Section 3. Section **23-32-101** is enacted to read:

### **CHAPTER 32. WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREAS ACT**

#### **23-32-101. Title.**

This chapter is known as the "Waterfowl Management Areas Act."

Section 4. Section **23-32-102** is enacted to read:

#### **23-32-102. Definitions.**

(1) The definitions in Section 58-79-102 apply to this chapter.

(2) (a) As used in this chapter, "waterfowl management area" means real property owned or managed by the Division of Wildlife Resources that is:

(i) primarily used for the conservation, production, or recreational harvest of ducks, mergansers, geese, brant, swans, and other waterfowl; and

(ii) designated as a waterfowl management area by the Wildlife Board in accordance with Section 23-32-104.

(b) "Waterfowl management area" includes the Willard Spur Waterfowl Management Area and the Harold Crane Waterfowl Management Area described in Section 23-21-5.

Section 5. Section **23-32-103** is enacted to read:

#### **23-32-103. Prohibited Activities.**

(1) A commercial hunting guide or outfitter may not use a waterfowl management area for any of the following, unless the commercial hunting guide or outfitter has a permit, issued by the Wildlife Board pursuant to this chapter, for the use:

(a) hunting guide services or outfitter services; or

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(b) transportation of an individual to another area for the purpose of providing hunting guide services or outfitter services.

(2) An individual may not construct a permanent blind or other permanent structure that is used for hunting within the boundaries of a waterfowl management area.

Section 6. Section **23-32-104** is enacted to read:

### **23-32-104. Rulemaking -- Notice.**

(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Wildlife Board shall make rules:

(a) designating and establishing the boundaries of a waterfowl management area;

(b) governing the management and use of a waterfowl management area in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; and

(c) to create a permit process by which commercial hunting guides and outfitters may use waterfowl management areas in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(2) The division shall provide an annual report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee regarding any rules made or changed in accordance with this chapter.

(3) The Wildlife Board shall publish a map of the boundaries of each waterfowl management area.

(4) Nothing in this chapter modifies or limits:

(a) the provisions of Section 23-21-5, or the discretion of the division to manage waterfowl management areas for other beneficial purposes, including for the benefit of the public, shorebirds, waterfowl, and other protected wildlife; or

(b) the authority of the division, the director of the division, or the Wildlife Board under Title 23, Chapter 21, Lands and Waters for Wildlife Purposes.