

AIR RIFLE HUNTING AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

House Sponsor: Joel Ferry

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill allows for air rifle hunting under certain circumstances.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires an individual to obtain a permit to hunt with a pre-charged pneumatic air rifle;
- ▶ directs the Wildlife Board to designate the species that may be hunted; and
- ▶ requires a review and report regarding funding of the regulation of the use of pre-charged pneumatic air rifles.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

23-19-49, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **23-19-49** is enacted to read:

23-19-49. Air rifle hunting.

- 29 (1) As used in this section:
- 30 (a) "Division" means the Division of Wildlife Resources.
- 31 (b) "Pre-charged pneumatic air rifle" means a rifle that fires a single projectile with
32 compressed air released from a chamber:
- 33 (i) built into the rifle; and
- 34 (ii) pressurized at a minimum of 2,000 pounds per square inch from an external high
35 compression device or source, such as a hand pump, compressor, or scuba tank.
- 36 (2) (a) An individual shall obtain a permit issued under this section before using a
37 pre-charged pneumatic air rifle to hunt a species of wildlife designated by the Wildlife Board.
- 38 (b) The Wildlife Board shall by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
39 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, designate which species of wildlife may be hunted with
40 the use of a pre-charged pneumatic air rifle.
- 41 (3) The division shall review the funding available for the regulation of hunting with
42 pre-charged pneumatic air rifles and report the division's findings to the Natural Resources,
43 Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than the November 2024 interim
44 committee meeting.