

**Representative Doug Owens** proposes the following substitute bill:

**SHOOTING RANGE REQUIREMENTS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens**

Senate Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions relating to shooting ranges.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
  - ▶ waives fees at certain public shooting ranges for military service members, veterans, peace officers, and retired peace officers;
  - ▶ exempts Department of Public Safety shooting ranges from certain requirements;
- and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**47-3-304**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 155

**47-3-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 246



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

Section 1. Section **47-3-304** is amended to read:

**47-3-304. Fees.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Military service member" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53B-8-102.

(b) "Peace officer" means an officer described in Section 53-13-102.

(c) "Retired peace officer" means a peace officer who has become eligible, applies for, and may receive an allowance under Title 49, Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act.

(d) "Veteran" means the same as that term is defined in Section 68-3-12.5.

(2) Reasonable fees for the use of a shooting range to cover the incidental material and supply costs incurred by making the range available to a group, may be established by:

(a) the State Armory Board established under Title 39A, Chapter 2, State Armory Board, for a military range; and

(b) for a nonmilitary range, the state agency, institution of higher education, or political subdivision that operates or has control of the range.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) Fees for nonmilitary shooting range use may not exceed fees charged by the Department of Natural Resources for the same or similar activity.

(4) (a) Fees established under Subsection (2) are waived for peace officers, military service members, retired peace officers, and veterans at state-owned public shooting ranges.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection 47-3-305(1)(b), fees are waived for peace officers, military service members, retired peace officers, and veterans at shooting ranges that are operated as a public shooting range staffed and operated by the Division of Wildlife Resources.

(c) Waived fees under this Subsection (4) do not include materials such as clay pigeons or special targets.

~~[(3)]~~ (5) Fees collected under Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2) shall be:

(a) for a shooting range operated or controlled by a state agency or an institution of higher education, deposited in the General Fund as dedicated credits to be used for the operation and maintenance of the range; and

(b) for a shooting range operated or controlled by a political subdivision, deposited in

57 the political subdivision's general fund.

58 Section 2. Section **47-3-305** is amended to read:

59 **47-3-305. Exceptions and prohibitions.**

60 (1) This part does not apply to:

61 (a) shooting ranges that are otherwise open to the public;

62 (b) shooting ranges that are operated as a public shooting range staffed by and operated  
63 by Division of Wildlife Resources;

64 (c) the Utah National Guard ranges located at Camp Williams and the Salt Lake  
65 International Airport;

66 (d) Department of Corrections ranges;

67 (e) Department of Public Safety ranges; and

68 [~~e~~] (f) ranges owned, operated, or currently leased as of March 26, 2013, by a state or  
69 local public safety agency.

70 (2) Firearms may not be allowed in a school building, except under the provision of  
71 Section **76-10-505.5**, unless there is an outdoor entrance to the shooting range and the most  
72 direct access to the range is used. An outdoor entrance to a shooting range may not be blocked  
73 by fences, structures, or gates for the purpose of blocking the outdoor entrance.

74 (3) Only air guns may be used in public ranges where the ventilation systems do not  
75 meet current OSHA standards as applied to the duration of exposure of the participants. For  
76 the purposes of this part, an air gun does not include larger caliber pneumatic weapons,  
77 paintball guns, or air shotguns.

78 (4) Group range use is a lawful, approved activity under Subsection **76-10-505.5(4)(a)**.