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HOUSE BILL 15-1099

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF BLACK BEARS BY HUNTING.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Currently, it is illegal to hunt or take black bears from March 1 through September 1. This period is changed to begin on November 1 and end on July 31. A general-purpose hunt is established from August 1 to August 31. The parks and wildlife commission may authorize black-bear hunting from September 1 to October 31. The bill clarifies that the use of scents is not baiting.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-4-101.3, **amend**
3 (2) and (5) as follows:

4 **33-4-101.3. Black bears - declaration of intent - spring season**
5 **hunting prohibited - prohibited means of taking - penalty.** (2) ~~During~~
6 ~~the period~~ From ~~March 1~~ NOVEMBER 1 OF ANY CALENDAR YEAR through
7 ~~September 1~~ JULY 31 of any THE NEXT calendar year, it is unlawful for
8 any person to take a black bear by any means including ~~but not limited to~~
9 firearm or bow and arrow. THE GENERAL-PURPOSE HUNT OF BLACK BEARS
10 BEGINS ON AUGUST 1 AND ENDS AUGUST 31 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR;
11 EXCEPT THAT THE COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE A HUNT AT ANY TIME
12 BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND OCTOBER 31 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR.

13 (5) For purposes of this section:

14 (a) "Bait" means to place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter
15 salt, minerals, grain, animal parts, or other food, so as to constitute a lure,
16 attraction, or enticement for black bears on or over any area where
17 hunters are attempting to take black bears.

18 (b) "BAIT" DOES NOT MEAN A LIQUID SCENT THAT SMELLS LIKE
19 FOOD.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
23 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
26 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
27 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.