

1 **WILDLIFE AMENDMENTS**

2 2015 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Mike Schultz**

5 Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies commercial hunting area provisions.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ modifies age requirements;
- 13 ▶ modifies hunter education requirements; and
- 14 ▶ makes technical changes.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **23-17-6**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 297

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

24 Section 1. Section **23-17-6** is amended to read:

25 **23-17-6. Commercial hunting area -- Registration -- Requirements for hunters.**

26 (1) (a) [~~Any~~] A person desiring to operate a commercial hunting area within [~~this~~] the
27 state to permit the releasing and shooting of pen-raised birds may apply to the Wildlife Board
28 for authorization to do so.

29 (b) The Wildlife Board may issue the applicant a certificate of registration to operate a

30 commercial hunting area in accordance with rules prescribed by the board in accordance with
31 Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

32 (c) The Wildlife Board may determine the number of commercial hunting areas that
33 may be established in each county of the state.

34 (2) ~~[Any]~~ (a) A certificate of registration issued under Subsection (1) shall specify the
35 species of birds that the applicant may propagate, keep, and release for shooting on the area
36 covered by the certificate of registration.

37 (b) The applicant may charge a fee for harvesting ~~[these]~~ the birds specified under
38 Subsection (2)(a).

39 (3) (a) ~~[Any]~~ A person hunting within the state on ~~[any]~~ a commercial hunting area
40 shall:

41 ~~[(i) be at least 12 years old;]~~

42 ~~[(ii)]~~ (i) (A) possess proof of passing a division-approved hunter education course, if
43 the person was born after December 31, 1965; ~~[and]~~ or

44 (B) possess a trial hunting authorization issued under Section [23-19-14.6](#);

45 (ii) comply with the accompaniment requirements of Sections [23-19-14.6](#) and
46 [23-20-20](#), if applicable; and

47 (iii) have the permission of the owner or operator of the commercial hunting area.

48 (b) The operator of a commercial hunting area shall verify that each hunter on the
49 commercial hunting area meets the requirements of ~~[Subsections]~~ Subsection (3)(a)(i) ~~[and~~
50 ~~(3)(a)(ii)]~~.

51 (4) Hunting on commercial hunting areas ~~[shall be]~~ is permitted only during the
52 commercial hunting area season prescribed by the Wildlife Board.