

House Bill 4075

Sponsored by Representative JENSON; Representatives BENTZ, ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, KENNEMER, OLSON, SPRENGER, WEIDNER, WHISNANT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes certain hunters to use battery-powered scoping devices, laser sighting devices and pin sight lights to hunt. Allows person to accompany person with disability to assist with hunting activities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to hunting; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 498.142 and 498.170.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 498.142 is amended to read:

5 498.142. (1) Except as provided in [*subsection (2)*] **subsections (2) and (3)** of this section, [*no*
6 *person shall*] **a person may not** hunt wildlife with the aid of any artificial light.

7 (2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission, by rule, may authorize hunting with the aid of an
8 artificial light for the purpose of taking raccoon, opossum or bobcat or to alleviate damage by
9 wildlife to other resources.

10 **(3) A person with a disability who is lawfully hunting and is accompanied by a person as**
11 **described in ORS 498.170 may:**

12 **(a) Use a battery-powered scoping device that projects a light or dot inside the scoping**
13 **device on a firearm when hunting.**

14 **(b) Use a laser sighting device on a bow or on a firearm when hunting.**

15 **(c) Use a pin sight light on a bow when hunting.**

16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 498.170 is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 498.

17 **SECTION 3.** ORS 498.170 is amended to read:

18 498.170. (1) A person [*who does not have a visual impairment and*] who accompanies a [*hunter*
19 *who possesses a visually impaired hunter license*] **person with a disability who is lawfully hunting**
20 **may:**

21 **(a) Assist the [*hunter*] person with a disability** in selecting a game animal or bird;

22 **(b) Assist the person with a disability in the aiming or sighting of a firearm or a bow and**
23 **arrow;**

24 **(c) Advise the [*hunter*] person with a disability** when to fire a firearm **or shoot a bow and**
25 **arrow;**

26 **(d) Shoot a game animal or bird on behalf of the [*hunter*] person with a disability** while in the
27 immediate presence of the [*hunter*] **person with a disability;** and

28 **(e) Tag and retrieve game animals and birds on behalf of the [*hunter*] person with a**
29 **disability.**

30 **(2) [*The*] A person accompanying a [*hunter who has a visual impairment*] person with a disa-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **bility who is lawfully hunting:**

2 (a) Shall be required to possess a valid hunting license[. *The person accompanying a hunter who*
3 *has a visual impairment*]; **and**

4 (b) May [*also*] hunt game animals or birds if the person possesses the appropriate tags, permits
5 and stamps for the area and time period.

6 (3) A [*hunter who possesses a visually impaired hunter license*] **person with a disability who is**
7 **hunting with the assistance of another person pursuant to this section** must comply with all
8 [*other*] **license**, tag, permit and stamp requirements of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission and
9 applicable hunting laws.

10 [(4) *As used in this section, "hunter who has a visual impairment" means a person who files proof*
11 *with the commission that the person's central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with*
12 *best correction or that the person's visual acuity, if better than 20/200, is accompanied by a limit to the*
13 *field of vision to such a degree that its widest diameter subtends an angle of no greater than 20 de-*
14 *grees.*]
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