House Bill 3570

Sponsored by Representative HIEB, Senator SMITH DB

SUMMARY

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Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow person meeting certain criteria to hunt game mammals using crossbow.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the use of crossbows for hunting; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of the wildlife laws.

SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall allow a person possessing a valid hunting license to hunt game mammals using a crossbow if the person:

(a) Applies with the department;

(b) Holds a hunting and fishing permit issued by the department to a person with a disability;

(c) Is in compliance with all provisions of the wildlife laws, including license, tag and permit requirements under ORS chapter 497;

(d) Meets qualifications the department establishes for use of a draw lock device that attaches to a bow; and

(e) Provides proof that:

(A) The person has a permanent physical impairment, certified by a health care professional, that prevents the person from holding or using a bow other than a crossbow; and

(B) The person has a medical release issued by a health care professional stating that the person is physically able to hunt using a crossbow.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply during a hunting season in which a person may use all legal weapons.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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.

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