

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 501.105 and 501.181.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising provisions governing the possession or use of certain electronic night vision equipment and other similar devices while hunting or taking wildlife in certain wildlife management areas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish policies and adopt regulations governing the hunting and taking of wildlife in this State. (NRS 501.105, 501.181) Existing regulations prohibit a person from possessing or using certain electronic night vision equipment and other similar devices while hunting or taking any game mammal or game bird or while locating game mammals or game birds for the purpose of hunting or taking. (NAC 503.1455)

Section 1 of this regulation instead prohibits, with certain exceptions, the possession or use of such electronic night vision equipment or other similar devices in: (1) certain wildlife management areas while hunting or taking any wildlife during the period beginning on August 1 and ending on December 4 of each calendar year; or (2) any wildlife management area while hunting or taking any game mammal or game bird or while locating game mammals or game birds for the purpose of hunting or taking. **Section 1** also exempts from this prohibition certain employees and authorized agents of this State, a municipal or county government of this State or the Federal Government.

Section 1. NAC 503.1455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.1455 1. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a* person shall not possess or use any of the ~~following~~ equipment or devices *described in subsection 2 in:*

(a) Wildlife management areas 11, 22, 23 and 24 as designated in NAC 504.210 while hunting or taking any wildlife during the period beginning on August 1 and ending on December 4 of each calendar year; or

(b) Any wildlife management area designated in NAC 504.210 while hunting or taking any game mammal or game bird or while locating game mammals or game birds for the purpose of hunting or taking . ~~including,~~

2. The equipment and devices a person is prohibited from possessing or using pursuant to subsection 1 include, without limitation:

- (a) Electronic night vision equipment;*
- (b) Electronically enhanced light-gathering devices;*
- (c) Thermal imaging devices;*
- (d) Infrared night vision equipment; or*
- (e) Any other comparable equipment or device used to enhance night vision.*

~~12.1~~ *3. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who is acting within the scope of his or her duties and is:*

- (a) An employee or authorized agent of this State;*
- (b) An employee or authorized agent of a municipal or county government of this State; or*
- (c) An employee or authorized agent of the Federal Government.*

4. The provisions of ~~subsection 1~~ this section do not limit the use of a sight attached to a firearm, bow or crossbow that:

- (a) Is powered by a battery contained within the sight;*
- (b) Is illuminated by light gathering fiber optics; or*
- (c) Uses a radioactive isotope such as a tritium.*

