

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

LCB File No. R029-26

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-3, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the use of a sight while hunting game mammals or game birds with certain weapons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides for the manner in which a person may hunt certain game mammals or game birds unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 503.150) Existing regulations: (1) provide for the use of an open sight, a peep sight and a telescopic sight or scope when hunting big game mammals, game mammals and game birds; and (2) establish certain exceptions for such use. (NAC 503.142, 503.144, 503.145, 503.1455, 503.146) **Section 1** of this regulation defines the term “sight” for the purposes of such existing regulations relating to hunting. **Section 2** of this regulation applies the definitions in existing regulations and **section 1** to the provisions of existing regulations relating to hunting, fishing and trapping.

Existing law prohibits hunting any game bird or game mammal with the aid of artificial light unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 503.150) Existing regulations: (1) establish certain exceptions to this prohibition; and (2) prohibit a person from hunting a big game mammal, game mammal or game bird with a weapon equipped with a sight that is capable of casting or projecting a beam of light that is visible to the unaided human eye from the sight to the animal. (NAC 503.145) **Section 3** of this regulation also prohibits a person from hunting such a mammal or bird with an electronic sight.

Section 1. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Sight” means any magnified, non-magnified or electronic device attached to a firearm, bow or crossbow that is designed to improve the visual alignment of the weapon. The term includes peep sights, open sights and telescopic sights or scopes.

Sec. 2. NAC 503.0001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.0001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 503.0005 to 503.0045, inclusive, *and section 1 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NAC 503.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.145 **1.** The Commission hereby establishes the following exception to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 503.150. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NAC 503.142, a sight attached to a firearm or bow that is used to hunt a game mammal or game bird, or a sight attached to a crossbow that is used to hunt a big game mammal, may be illuminated or powered by:

- ~~{1.}~~ (a) A battery contained within the sight;
- ~~{2.}~~ (b) Light-gathering fiber optics;
- ~~{3.}~~ (c) A radioactive isotope such as tritium; or
- ~~{4.}~~ (d) Iridescent or fluorescent paint.

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2. It is unlawful for a person to hunt a big game mammal, a game mammal or a game bird with a ~~{weapon}~~ *firearm, bow or crossbow* that is equipped with ~~{a}~~ :

(a) *A sight that is capable of casting or projecting a beam of light that is visible to the unaided human eye from the sight to the animal* ~~{ }~~ ; *or*

(b) *An electronic sight that has been designed to receive data from any internal or external source and that aids in the automatic adjustment of the sight reticle or aiming point.*