

**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 502.370.

A REGULATION relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tag, seal or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations governing the licensing of taxidermists and the practice of taxidermy, including the maintenance and submission of written records. (NRS 502.370) Pursuant to that authority, the Commission has adopted regulations requiring a person who is licensed as a taxidermist in Nevada to maintain accurate written or computerized records for each licensing year which set forth: (1) the name, telephone number and address of each person from whom certain wildlife or parts, nests or eggs of wildlife were received; (2) the name, telephone number and address of each person to whom certain wildlife or parts, nests or eggs of wildlife were delivered; (3) an accurate description of the taxidermic item, including the species and parts thereof received; (4) the number of the tag, seal or permit of the taxidermic item; and (5) the date upon which the taxidermist received the taxidermic item and the date upon which the taxidermic item was returned to its owner. (NAC 502.455) Existing regulations define the term “taxidermic item” to mean any part of wildlife upon which taxidermic services can be, are being or have been performed. (NAC 502.430) In lieu of maintaining a record of a tag, seal or permit of a taxidermic item, this regulation authorizes a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain a record setting forth the name and address of the taxidermist from whom the taxidermic item was received and the punch number or other identification number assigned to that taxidermist by the taxidermist who received the taxidermic item. This regulation also requires the punch number or other identification number to be attached to the taxidermic item during the entire period in which the taxidermist who received the taxidermic item remains in possession of the taxidermic item.

Section 1. NAC 502.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.455 1. A person licensed as a taxidermist in Nevada shall maintain accurate written or computerized records, on a form provided by the Department or in a format which is substantially similar to that form, for each licensing year which show:

(a) The name, telephone number and address of each person from whom wildlife or parts, nests or eggs of wildlife, upon which taxidermic services were performed, were received.

(b) The name, telephone number and address of each person to whom wildlife or parts, nests or eggs of wildlife, upon which taxidermic services were performed, were delivered.

(c) An accurate description of the taxidermic item, including the species and parts thereof received.

(d) ~~HH~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and if* required for the species of wildlife received, the number of the tag, seal or permit.

(e) The date on which the taxidermist receives the taxidermic item and the date on which that item is returned to its owner.

↪ The taxidermist shall record the required information immediately upon receipt and delivery of a taxidermic item, as appropriate.

2. A taxidermist shall:

(a) Immediately upon receipt, label each taxidermic item with a tag that clearly identifies the owner of the item. The tag may be removed from the item only during the actual performance of taxidermic services on the item. The tag must be reattached to the item when the taxidermic service is not being performed. Once the taxidermic services are completed on the taxidermic item, the tag must be reattached and remain attached to the item until the item is delivered to or claimed by the owner of the item.

(b) If required by the Department, submit a copy of the taxidermist's records for the previous licensing year to the Department at the end of each licensing year. If the records are computerized, the taxidermist shall submit a hard copy of the computerized records to the Department.

(c) Retain the taxidermist's records for a licensing year for at least 2 years after the end of the licensing year to which those records pertain.

(d) During any reasonable hour, upon the request of any agent of the Department authorized to enforce the provisions of title 45 of NRS, present the taxidermist's records kept in accordance with this section and any taxidermic item which the taxidermist is keeping at his or her place of business.

3. *In lieu of maintaining a record of a tag, seal or permit pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1, a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist may maintain a record setting forth the name and address of the taxidermist from whom the taxidermic item was received and the punch number or other identification number assigned to that taxidermist by the taxidermist who received the taxidermic item. The punch number or other identification number must be attached to the taxidermic item during the entire period in which the taxidermist who received the taxidermic item remains in possession of the taxidermic item.*

4. As used in this section ~~["licensing"]~~ :

(a) *"Licensing year"* means a period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following calendar year.

(b) *"Punch number"* means a number which is assigned to a taxidermist for the purpose of identification and which is punched into or otherwise attached to a taxidermic item.