

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

**LCB File No. R027-19**

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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 hunting; providing that the Board of Wildlife Commissioners will designate not more than 2 days during a season for hunting migratory waterfowl solely for hunting by a veteran or active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations necessary to preserve, protect, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat and to carry out the provisions of title 45 of NRS governing wildlife, including, without limitation, seasons for hunting game birds and the manner and means of taking wildlife. (NRS 501.105, 501.181). Existing federal law requires the United States Secretary of the Interior to authorize States to select 2 days for veterans and certain members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty to hunt eligible ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules. (16 U.S.C. §704). This regulation: (1) provides that the Commission will reserve not more than 2 days during a season for hunting migratory waterfowl solely for hunting by a veteran or a person who is an active member, other than for training, of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States; and (2) sets forth the eligibility requirements for such a veteran or member to hunt during any reserved day.

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

*1. The Commission will, in an annual regulation adopted by the Commission and in accordance with 16 U.S.C. § 704, reserve not more than 2 days during any season for hunting migratory waterfowl solely for hunting by:*

*(a) A veteran; or*

*(b) A person who is an active member, other than for training, of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.*

*2. A veteran or person specified in subsection 1 is not eligible to hunt during any day reserved pursuant to that subsection unless he or she possesses a valid annual hunting license or annual combination hunting and fishing license issued in this State and an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp which has been validated in accordance with NRS 503.135.*

*3. As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*