
SENATE BILL NO. 4—SENATOR SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Provides exemptions from certain registration requirements for the trapping of wild mammals on private property. (BDR 45-89)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to trapping; providing exemptions from certain registration requirements for a trap, snare or similar device used in the trapping of wild mammals on private property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires that each trap, snare or similar device used in the taking
2 of wild mammals must be registered with the Department of Wildlife before it is
3 used. Existing law also requires that each registered trap, snare or similar device
4 bear a number which is assigned by the Department and is affixed to or marked on
5 the trap, snare or similar device. (NRS 503.452) This bill exempts from those
6 requirements a trap, snare or similar device used: (1) exclusively on private
7 property by the owner or occupant of the property or with the permission of the
8 owner or occupant; or (2) for the control of rodents by a governmental agency.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 503.452 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 503.452 1. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in*
3 *subsection 2, each* trap, snare or similar device used in the taking of
4 wild mammals must be registered with the Department before it is
5 used. Each registered trap, snare or similar device must bear a
6 number which is assigned by the Department and is affixed to or
7 marked on the trap, snare or similar device in the manner specified



1 by regulations adopted by the Commission. The registration of a
2 trap, snare or similar device is valid until the trap, snare or similar
3 device is sold or ownership of the trap, snare or similar device is
4 otherwise transferred.

5 2. *The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a trap, snare*
6 *or similar device used:*

7 (a) *Exclusively on private property by the owner or occupant*
8 *of the property or with the permission of the owner or occupant;*
9 *or*

10 (b) *For the control of rodents by an institution of the Nevada*
11 *System of Higher Education or any other federal, state or local*
12 *governmental agency.*

13 3. A registration fee of \$10 for each registrant is payable only
14 once by each person who registers a trap, snare or similar device.
15 The fee must be paid at the time the first trap, snare or similar
16 device is registered.

17 ~~3.1~~ 4. It is unlawful:

18 (a) For a person to whom a trap, snare or similar device is
19 registered to allow another person to possess or use the trap, snare or
20 similar device without providing to that person written authorization
21 to possess or use the trap, snare or similar device.

22 (b) For a person to possess or use a trap, snare or similar device
23 registered to another person without obtaining the written
24 authorization required pursuant to paragraph (a). If a person obtains
25 written authorization to possess or use a trap, snare or similar device
26 pursuant to paragraph (a), the person shall ensure that the written
27 authorization, together with his or her trapping license, is in his or
28 her possession during any period in which he or she uses the trap,
29 snare or similar device to take fur-bearing mammals.

30 ~~4.1~~ 5. A person to whom a trap, snare or similar device is
31 registered pursuant to this section shall report any theft of the trap,
32 snare or similar device to the Department as soon as it is practical to
33 do so after the person discovers the theft.

34 ~~5.1~~ 6. Any information in the possession of the Department
35 concerning the registration of a trap, snare or similar device is
36 confidential and the Department shall not disclose that information
37 unless required to do so by law or court order.

38 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

