

CHAPTER 158

NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE BILL 08-035

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sonnenberg, Labuda, Lambert, Looper, Lundberg, Massey, McNulty, Soper, and Stephens.

AN ACT

CONCERNING DELETION OF A REQUIREMENT THAT THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION CREATE THREE TYPES OF GAME MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS TO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA WHEN ISSUING ALTERNATIVE PRIVATE LAND LICENSES TO MEET GAME MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly hereby declares that the current landowner "pilot program" that manages areas on the eastern plains east of interstate highway 25 based upon large percentages of private land ownership, and areas specifically managed for quality animal hunting or quality hunting experience, needs additional time to be evaluated and should not be abandoned in 2008. Unfortunately, the third program, which manages areas for maximum hunter opportunity, has presented difficulties in implementation. The current statute requires the wildlife commission to implement all three programs if it implements any one of the three programs. Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly in passing this act to allow the two existing landowner preference programs to continue.

SECTION 2. 33-4-103 (3) (d) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

33-4-103. Landowner preference for hunting license - rules. (3) (d) In addition to the limitation on the number of applications available under the program as set forth in subparagraph (II) of paragraph (c) of this subsection (3), the program shall have the following additional requirements:

(I) The commission may by rule provide for the issuance of licenses in addition to the method set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection (3) based upon game management objectives. If the commission decides to establish such rules, a

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~~minimum of three~~ THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK TOWARDS ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AT LEAST TWO different types of management ~~units shall be established~~ PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I): Areas on the eastern plains east of interstate highway 25 based upon large percentages of private land ownership; AND areas specifically managed for quality animal hunting or quality hunting experience. ~~and areas managed for maximum hunter opportunity.~~ Any additional licenses issued pursuant to this subparagraph (I) shall be restricted to private lands, ~~only~~, unless the commission exempts any intermingled lands from such requirement.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 6, 2008, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2008); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: April 21, 2008