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HOUSE BILL 23-1036

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McLachlan,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF**
102 **NONTOXIC BULLETS FOR HUNTING.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the nontoxic bullet replacement program (program) that will allow hunters to exchange:

- Hunting rounds that have lead bullets with hunting rounds that have nonlead bullets; or
- Reloading or muzzle-loader lead bullets with nonlead bullets.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill sets standards for taking advantage of the program.

The division of parks and wildlife (division) is directed to designate an entity to:

- Educate the public about the benefits of nontoxic bullets; and
- Publicize the program to hunters, including using hunting brochures and the division's website.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-1-127 as
3 follows:

4 **33-1-127. Nontoxic bullet replacement program - rules.**

5 (1) THE DIVISION SHALL CREATE A NONTOXIC BULLET REPLACEMENT
6 PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS WHO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS
7 OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO EXCHANGE:

8 (a) HUNTING ROUNDS THAT HAVE LEAD BULLETS FOR HUNTING
9 ROUNDS THAT HAVE NONLEAD BULLETS; OR

10 (b) RELOADING OR MUZZLE-LOADER BULLETS FOR NONLEAD
11 BULLETS.

12 (2) TO MAKE AN EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF
13 THIS SECTION:

14 (a) AN INDIVIDUAL MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO THE DIVISION
15 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL POSSESSES A HUNTING LICENSE THAT IS CURRENTLY
16 VALID OR WILL BE VALID IN THE FUTURE;

17 (b) THE ROUND OR BULLET MUST BE A LEGAL ROUND OR BULLET
18 TO TAKE THE SPECIES FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS THE HUNTING
19 LICENSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION; AND

20 (c) THE LEAD BULLET OR THE ROUND CONTAINING THE LEAD
21 BULLET MUST HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
22 THIS SECTION.

1 (3) THE DIVISION SHALL DESIGNATE A QUALIFIED ENTITY, AS
2 DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, TO:

3 (a) EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF USING
4 NONTOXIC BULLETS IN HUNTING; AND

5 (b) PUBLICIZE THE NONTOXIC BULLET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM,
6 INCLUDING USING HUNTING BROCHURES AND THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE.

7 (4) THE COMMISSION MAY PROMULGATE RULES REASONABLY
8 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

9 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
12 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
13 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
14 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
15 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.