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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee

BILL TOPIC: Wildlife Council Members Hunting Fishing Licenses

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE WILDLIFE**
102 **COUNCIL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING THE**
103 **DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, IN**
104 **APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE WILDLIFE**
105 **COUNCIL, TO ENSURE THAT EACH SUCH INDIVIDUAL PURCHASED**
106 **OR WAS ISSUED A HUNTING LICENSE OR A FISHING LICENSE IN AT**
107 **LEAST THREE OF THE PRECEDING FIVE CALENDAR YEARS.**

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/>.)

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee. The bill requires the director of the division of parks and wildlife, in appointing and reappointing individuals to serve as members of the wildlife council, to ensure that, in at least 3 of the 5 calendar years preceding an individual's appointment or reappointment, the individual purchased or was issued a hunting license or a fishing license.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-4-120, **add**
3 (1)(b)(V) as follows:

4 **33-4-120. Wildlife council - creation - membership.**

5 (1) (b) (V) IN APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS
6 MEMBERS OF THE WILDLIFE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF
7 THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION SHALL ENSURE THAT, IN AT
8 LEAST THREE OF THE FIVE CALENDAR YEARS PRECEDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S
9 APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT, THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASED OR WAS
10 ISSUED A HUNTING LICENSE OR A FISHING LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS
11 ARTICLE 4.

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
15 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
16 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
17 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
18 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
19 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.