

CHAPTER 203

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**HOUSE BILL 02-1221**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Snook, Alexander, Hoppe, Miller, White, Clapp, Fairbank, Kester, Lee, and Smith;  
also SENATOR(S) Entz.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF BLACK BEAR HUNTING.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 33-4-101.3 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 33-4-101.3 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

**33-4-101.3. Black bears - declaration of intent - spring season hunting prohibited - prohibited means of taking - penalty.** (4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to employees OR AGENTS of the division of wildlife or to field agents of the United States department of agriculture, when such employees or agents are acting in their official capacity, nor shall this section apply to any person who lawfully takes a black bear in defense of life or property, or to any person who traps, kills, or otherwise disposes of a black bear in accordance with section 33-3-106 (3).

(7) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AGENT" MEANS ANY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TRAINED IN WILDLIFE PROCEDURES AND OPERATING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 29, 2002

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*