

**Second Regular Session  
Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**ENGROSSED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 16-1060.02 Jery Payne x2157

**SENATE BILL 16-151**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Sonnenberg,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**

Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF COLORADANS TO HUNT WILDLIFE, AND, IN**  
102              **CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING HUNTING AS THE**  
103              **PRIMARY MEANS OF MANAGING WILDLIFE.**

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**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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

The bill clarifies that the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife and also establishes public hunting and fishing as the primary means to manage wildlife in the state of Colorado.

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

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 22, 2016

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-1-101, **amend** (4);  
3 and **add** (1.5) as follows:

4 **33-1-101. Legislative declaration.** (1.5) IN ORDER TO PRESERVE  
5 COLORADO'S HUNTING AND FISHING HERITAGE, THE PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS  
6 HAVE THE RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE. THIS RIGHT DOES  
7 NOT ALLOW TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; AFFECT WATER RIGHTS;  
8 PREVENT THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION, OR A HEARING OFFICER  
9 WITH AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION,  
10 FROM SUSPENDING OR REVOKING AN INDIVIDUAL'S HUNTING, FISHING, OR  
11 GAME-HARVESTING LICENSE; PREVENT THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
12 COMMISSION FROM REGULATING THE TAKING, POSSESSION, OR USE OF  
13 WILDLIFE IN COLORADO; OR DIMINISH OTHER PRIVATE RIGHTS.

14 (4) ~~The~~ IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE HERITAGE, TRADITIONS, AND  
15 CULTURE OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, THE state shall ~~utilize~~ USE PUBLIC  
16 hunting, trapping, and fishing as the primary methods of ~~effecting~~  
17 ~~necessary wildlife harvests~~ CONTROLLING AND MANAGING WILDLIFE.

18 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
21 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
22 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
23 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
24 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
25 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.