

REFERENCE TITLE: G&F; trail cameras; use; limits

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Introduced by
Representative Thorpe

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 17-321; RELATING TO THE TAKING AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 17, chapter 3, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 17-321, to read:
4 17-321. Trail cameras or similar devices; prohibited periods
5 of use; exceptions; definitions
6 A. A PERSON MAY NOT PLACE, MAINTAIN OR USE A TRAIL CAMERA OR
7 SIMILAR DEVICE AS FOLLOWS:
8 1. AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER JULY 31
9 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.
10 2. AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING FROM AND AFTER JUNE 30
11 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR IF THE TRAIL CAMERA OR SIMILAR DEVICE
12 TRANSMITS OR IS CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING IMAGES, VIDEOS OR LOCATION DATA OF
13 WILDLIFE.
14 3. AT ANY TIME IF THE PLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE OR USE OF THE TRAIL
15 CAMERA OR SIMILAR DEVICE PREVENTS WILDLIFE FROM ACCESSING A WATER SOURCE
16 OR ALTERS THE MANNER IN WHICH WILDLIFE ACCESSES A WATER SOURCE.
17 B. SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
18 1. AN EMPLOYEE OR AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THIS STATE, A MUNICIPALITY,
19 COUNTY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
20 WHO IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PERSON'S OFFICIAL DUTIES AND WHO HAS
21 CLEARLY MARKED EACH TRAIL CAMERA OR SIMILAR DEVICE TO INDICATE OWNERSHIP.
22 2. A PERSON WHO PLACES, MAINTAINS OR USES A TRAIL CAMERA OR SIMILAR
23 DEVICE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE LANDOWNER.
24 3. A PERSON WHO PLACES, MAINTAINS OR USES A TRAIL CAMERA OR SIMILAR
25 DEVICE TO MONITOR THE USE OF A WATER SOURCE BY LIVESTOCK IF THE OWNER OF
26 THE TRAIL CAMERA OR SIMILAR DEVICE HAS A PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY
27 THIS STATE FOR STOCK WATERING OR STOCKPOND PURPOSES.
28 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
29 1. "TRAIL CAMERA OR SIMILAR DEVICE" MEANS ANY DEVICE THAT IS NOT
30 HELD OR MANUALLY OPERATED BY A PERSON AND THAT IS USED TO CAPTURE IMAGES,
31 VIDEOS OR LOCATION DATA OF WILDLIFE USING HEAT OR MOTION TO ACTIVATE THE
32 DEVICE.
33 2. "WATER SOURCE" MEANS A SPRING, WATER SOURCE OR ARTIFICIAL BASIN
34 THAT IS USED BY WILDLIFE AND THAT COLLECTS OR IS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED
35 TO COLLECT WATER.