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salvage permit; big game animals

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**CHAPTER 128**  
**HOUSE BILL 2038**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-319, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 17-319, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 17-319. Big game animals; carcasses; possession and  
5 transportation; salvage permit; requirements;  
6 violation; classification

7 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the carcass  
8 of a big game animal ~~that has been killed as a result of an accidental~~  
9 ~~collision with a motor vehicle on a maintained road~~ may be possessed and  
10 transported ~~by the driver of the vehicle if the driver first obtains a big~~  
11 ~~game salvage permit issued by a peace officer. A person may possess or~~  
12 ~~transport the carcass or any part of the carcass of a big game animal~~  
13 ~~killed as a result of an accidental collision with a motor vehicle only as~~  
14 ~~provided by this section.~~ IF A PEACE OFFICER OR AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF  
15 THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A BIG GAME SALVAGE PERMIT. A BIG GAME SALVAGE  
16 PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND MAY BE ISSUED ONLY AS FOLLOWS:

17 1. IF THE BIG GAME ANIMAL HAS BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF AN  
18 ACCIDENTAL COLLISION WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR  
19 VEHICLE OR TO AN INDIVIDUAL WISHING TO POSSESS THE CARCASS.

20 2. IF THE BIG GAME ANIMAL IS EUTHANIZED BY A PEACE OFFICER OR  
21 AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED BY  
22 AN ACCIDENTAL COLLISION WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR  
23 VEHICLE OR TO AN INDIVIDUAL WISHING TO POSSESS THE CARCASS.

24 3. IF THE BIG GAME ANIMAL DIED AS A RESULT OF NATURAL CAUSES, TO  
25 THE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPORTS THE BIG GAME ANIMAL CARCASS.

26 4. IF THE BIG GAME ANIMAL SUBSEQUENTLY DIES OR IS EUTHANIZED BY A  
27 PEACE OFFICER OR AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT AS THE RESULT OF AN  
28 INJURY SUSTAINED FROM NATURAL CAUSES, TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPORTS THE  
29 INJURED BIG GAME ANIMAL.

30 B. The department shall provide big game salvage permit forms to  
31 peace officers on request. ~~The permit may be issued only in the name of~~  
32 ~~the driver of the motor vehicle and is not transferable.~~ The SALVAGE  
33 permit form shall require the following information:

34 1. The name and address of the ~~motor vehicle driver~~ INDIVIDUAL  
35 RECEIVING THE SALVAGE PERMIT.

36 2. A description of the big game animal that was killed OR  
37 EUTHANIZED.

38 3. The date ~~of the collision~~ ON WHICH THE SALVAGE PERMIT IS ISSUED.

39 4. The specific location of ~~the collision~~ THE BIG GAME ANIMAL.

40 5. A description of the motor vehicle, IF APPLICABLE.

41 6. The destination where the carcass will be transported.

42 7. The name of the peace officer OR THE AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE  
43 DEPARTMENT who issued the SALVAGE permit.

- 1 C. The peace officer OR THE AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT  
2 shall:
- 3 1. Complete all of the information required on the SALVAGE permit.
  - 4 2. Give the original of the SALVAGE permit to the driver of the  
5 motor vehicle OR THE INDIVIDUAL WISHING TO POSSESS THE CARCASS.
  - 6 3. ~~Must~~ PROVIDE a copy of the SALVAGE permit to the department  
7 within forty-eight hours after issuing the permit.
- 8 D. A peace officer OR AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT may  
9 inspect the carcass ~~and motor vehicle prior to~~ BEFORE issuing the BIG GAME  
10 SALVAGE permit. ~~The carcass and motor vehicle are subject to inspection  
11 by a game ranger within twenty days after issuance of the permit. If the  
12 carcass has been processed or if the motor vehicle has been repaired, a  
13 game ranger may inspect the invoices or other documents recording the  
14 processing or repair.~~
- 15 E. A person who possesses the carcass of a big game animal pursuant  
16 to this section ~~may place all or part of the carcass in storage pursuant  
17 to section 17-373 or~~ may make a gift of the carcass or parts to another  
18 individual.
- 19 F. A BIG GAME SALVAGE permit issued under this section ~~carries no  
20 representation~~ DOES NOT REPRESENT or ~~implication~~ IMPLY that any part of  
21 the carcass is edible. ~~Neither~~ The peace officer OR THE AUTHORIZED  
22 EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT ISSUING THE SALVAGE PERMIT, the agency  
23 employing the peace officer ~~nor~~ AND the department ~~is~~ ARE NOT liable with  
24 respect to any use made of the carcass.
- 25 G. A BIG GAME SALVAGE PERMIT MAY NOT BE ISSUED FOR A BIG GAME  
26 ANIMAL THAT THE PEACE OFFICER OR AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT  
27 SUSPECTS IS DISEASED OR SPOILED.
- 28 ~~G.~~ H. A person who possesses ~~a~~ THE carcass of a big game animal  
29 under authority of a big game salvage permit that was obtained by fraud is  
30 guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 26, 2021.

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