

REFERENCE TITLE: right to hunt; fish; harvest

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 17-106; RELATING TO 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 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 17-106, to read:
4 17-106. Right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife; public
5 policy
6 A. THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE HAVE A RIGHT TO LAWFULLY HUNT, FISH
7 AND HARVEST WILDLIFE.
8 B. AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 17-102, WILDLIFE IS THE PROPERTY OF
9 THIS STATE AND IS HELD IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS
10 STATE.
11 C. THE LEGISLATURE HAS EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE MANNER,
12 METHODS AND SEASONS FOR HUNTING, FISHING AND HARVESTING WILDLIFE. THE
13 LEGISLATURE MAY DELEGATE THE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO THE GAME AND FISH
14 COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE.
15 D. THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION NOT
16 ENACT OR MAY ADOPT ANY LAW, RULE OR POLICY THAT UNREASONABLY RESTRICTS
17 HUNTING, FISHING AND HARVESTING WILDLIFE OR THE USE OF TRADITIONAL MEANS
18 AND METHODS.
19 E. IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE THAT PUBLIC HUNTING AND FISHING
20 ARE THE PREFERRED MEANS OF MANAGING AND CONTROLLING WILDLIFE.
21 F. THIS SECTION DOES NOT MODIFY ANY PROVISION OF COMMON LAW OR ANY
22 LAW OF THIS STATE RELATING TO TRESPASS OR PROPERTY RIGHTS.
23 Sec. 2. Short title
24 This act may be cited as the "Arizona Right to Hunt Act".