House Bill 3679

Sponsored by Representative DRAZAN

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells an agency to allow certain persons to hunt using a crossbow. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Requires the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow a person meeting certain criteria to hunt game mammals using a crossbow.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to the use of crossbows for hunting; and prescribing an effective date.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the wildlife laws.
- 5 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall allow a person possess-6 ing a valid hunting license to hunt game mammals using a crossbow if the person:
 - (a) Applies with the department;
 - (b) Holds a hunting and fishing permit issued by the department to a person with a disability;
 - (c) Is in compliance with all provisions of the wildlife laws, including license, tag and permit requirements under ORS chapter 497;
 - (d) Meets qualifications the department establishes for use of a draw lock device that attaches to a bow; and
 - (e) Provides proof that:
 - (A) The person has a permanent physical impairment, certified by a health care professional, that prevents the person from holding or using a bow other than a crossbow; and
 - (B) The person has a medical release issued by a health care professional stating that the person is physically able to hunt using a crossbow.
 - (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply during a hunting season in which a person may use all legal weapons.
 - SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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