

House Engrossed

dogs; hunting; rules; prohibition

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-seventh Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2025

# HOUSE BILL 2552

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-301, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HUNTING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-301, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 17-301. Times when wildlife may be taken; exceptions; methods  
5 of taking

6 A. A person may take wildlife, except aquatic wildlife, only during  
7 daylight hours unless otherwise prescribed by the commission. A person  
8 shall not take any species of wildlife by the aid or with the use of a  
9 jacklight, other artificial light, ~~or~~ AN illegal device, except as  
10 provided by the commission.

11 B. A person shall not take wildlife, except aquatic wildlife, or  
12 discharge a firearm or shoot any other device from a motor vehicle,  
13 including an automobile, aircraft, train or powerboat, or from a sailboat,  
14 A boat under sail, ~~or~~ or a floating object towed by powerboat or sailboat  
15 except as expressly permitted by the commission. No person may knowingly  
16 discharge any firearm or shoot any other device upon, from, across or into  
17 a road or railway.

18 C. Fish may be taken only by angling unless otherwise provided by  
19 the commission. The line shall be constantly attended. In every case the  
20 hook, fly or lure shall be used in such manner that the fish voluntarily  
21 take or attempt to take it in their mouths.

22 D. A PERSON MAY TAKE SMALL GAME, PREDATORY ANIMALS AND FUR-BEARING  
23 ANIMALS WITH THE AID OF DOGS AT ALL TIMES DURING WHICH THE TAKING OF SUCH  
24 WILDLIFE IS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION. A PERSON MAY TAKE BEAR OR  
25 MOUNTAIN LION WITH THE AID OF DOGS DURING AN OPEN SEASON FOR BEAR OR  
26 MOUNTAIN LION.

27 ~~D.~~ E. It shall be unlawful to take wildlife with any leghold trap,  
28 WITH any instant kill body gripping design trap, or by a poison or a snare  
29 on any public land, including state owned or state leased land, AND lands  
30 administered by the United States forest service, the federal bureau of  
31 land management, the national park service, the United States department  
32 of defense, the state parks board and any county or municipality. This  
33 subsection shall not prohibit:

34 1. The use of the devices prescribed in this subsection by federal,  
35 state, county, city, or other local departments of health which have  
36 jurisdiction in the geographic area of such use, for the purpose of  
37 protection from or surveillance for threats to human health or safety.

38 2. The taking of wildlife with firearms, with fishing equipment,  
39 with archery equipment, ~~or~~ or WITH other implements in hand as may be  
40 defined or regulated by the Arizona game and fish commission, including  
41 but not limited to the taking of wildlife pursuant to a hunting or fishing  
42 license issued by the Arizona game and fish department.

43 3. The use of snares, traps not designed to kill, ~~or~~ or nets to take  
44 wildlife for scientific research projects, FOR sport falconry, or for

1 relocation of the wildlife as may be defined or regulated by the Arizona  
2 game and fish commission or the government of the United States, or both.

3         4. The use of poisons or nets by the Arizona game and fish  
4 department to take or manage aquatic wildlife as determined and regulated  
5 by the Arizona game and fish commission.

6         5. The use of traps for rodent control or poisons for rodent  
7 control for the purpose of controlling wild and domestic rodents as  
8 otherwise allowed by the laws of the state of Arizona, excluding any  
9 fur-bearing animals as defined in section 17-101.