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HOUSE BILL 23-1036

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McLachlan,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF**
102 **NONTOXIC BULLETS FOR HUNTING.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the nontoxic bullet replacement program (program) that will allow hunters to exchange:

- Hunting rounds that have lead bullets with hunting rounds that have nonlead bullets; or
- Reloading or muzzle-loader lead bullets with nonlead bullets.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

The bill sets standards for taking advantage of the program.

The division of parks and wildlife (division) is directed to designate an entity to:

- Educate the public about the benefits of nontoxic bullets; and
- Publicize the program to hunters, including using hunting brochures and the division's website.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-1-127 as
3 follows:

4 **33-1-127. Nontoxic bullet pilot program - rules - repeal.**

5 (1) THE DIVISION SHALL COOPERATE AND COLLABORATE WITH ONE OR
6 MORE WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO DESIGN AND PROMOTE
7 A TWO-YEAR NONTOXIC BULLET PILOT PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS
8 INDIVIDUALS WHO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM TO
9 RECEIVE VOUCHERS THAT OFFSET THE COST OF PURCHASING HUNTING
10 ROUNDS THAT HAVE NONLEAD BULLETS, FOCUSING ON AREAS WHERE THE
11 EXPOSURE OF WILDLIFE POPULATIONS TO SPENT LEAD BULLETS IS OF
12 SPECIAL OR POTENTIAL CONCERN. THE DIVISION SHALL WORK WITH ONE
13 OR MORE WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO DETERMINE THE
14 SCOPE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

15 (2) TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION MAY COOPERATE
16 AND COLLABORATE WITH WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO:

17 (a) DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL
18 MATERIALS AND BROCHURES ABOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM STATEWIDE; AND

19 (b) IDENTIFY RANGE SPACE FOR PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND
20 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND OFFER THOSE ACTIVITIES AT THE
21 IDENTIFIED RANGE SPACE.

22 (3) THE DIVISION SHALL COOPERATE AND COLLABORATE WITH

1 WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO COLLECT THE RESULTS OF THE
2 PILOT PROGRAM AND REPORT THOSE RESULTS, INCLUDING DATA ON
3 PARTICIPATION RATES, TO THE COMMISSION AND POST THIS INFORMATION
4 TO A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DIVISION WEBSITE.

5 (4) THE DIVISION SHALL DESIGNATE A QUALIFIED ENTITY, AS
6 DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, TO:

7 (a) EDUCATE HUNTERS ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF USING NONTOXIC
8 BULLETS IN HUNTING; AND

9 (b) PUBLICIZE THE NONTOXIC BULLET PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING
10 USING HUNTING BROCHURES AND THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE.

11 (5) THE COMMISSION MAY PROMULGATE RULES REASONABLY
12 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

13 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
17 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
18 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
19 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
20 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
21 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.