

Senate Bill 340

Sponsored by Senator BAERTSCHIGER JR (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to annually establish special season during which holder of cougar tag or purchaser of sportspac may use dogs to hunt cougars. Limits special season to 30 days.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cougars; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 498.164.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall annually establish a special**
5 **season during which a person holding a cougar tag under ORS 497.112 or purchasing a**
6 **sportspac under ORS 497.132 may use dogs to hunt cougars. The special hunting season must**
7 **be 30 days in length.**

8 **SECTION 2.** ORS 498.164, as amended by section 3, chapter 376, Oregon Laws 2013, is amended
9 to read:

10 498.164. (1) Except as provided in [*subsections (2) and (3)*] **subsection (2)** of this section, a per-
11 son may not use bait to attract or take black bears or use one or more dogs to hunt or pursue black
12 bears or cougars.

13 (2) [*Nothing in*] Subsection (1) of this section [*prohibits*] **does not apply to:**

14 (a) The use of bait or one or more dogs by employees or agents of county, state or federal
15 agencies while acting in their official capacities.

16 [(3)] (b) [*Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits*] The use of bait or dogs by persons for
17 the taking of black bears or cougars in accordance with the provisions of ORS 498.012 relating to
18 taking wildlife that is causing damage.

19 (c) **The use of dogs for hunting cougars during a special season described in section 1 of**
20 **this 2019 Act.**

21 [(4)] (3) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a Class A misdemeanor
22 and, upon conviction, shall in addition to appropriate criminal penalties have his or her privilege
23 to apply for any hunting license suspended for a period of five years for a first offense and perma-
24 nently suspended for any subsequent offense.

25 [(5)] (4) For the purposes of this section, "bait" means any material placed for the purpose of
26 attracting or attempting to attract bears.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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