



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 504**

Hearing Date: February 15, 2007
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Mines)
Title: Prohibit hunting through the Internet

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Carlson, Christensen, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Louden, Wallman
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Dubas

Proponents:

Senator Mick Mines
Scott Wilson
Joe Herrod
Wes Sheets
Ted Blume
Don Wesely

Representing:

Introducer
The Humane Society of the United States
Nebraska Council of Sportsmens Clubs
Nebraska Division, Izaak Walton League
Game and Parks Commission
Humane Society of the United States; Capitol
Humane Society

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 504 does the following:

Section 1 Adds this law to the Game Law.

- Section 2 Defines hunting through the Internet as to hunt living wildlife in real time using Internet services to remotely control actual firearms and to remotely discharge live ammunition.
- Section 3
- (1) Prohibits hunting through the Internet.
 - (2) Prohibits any person from hosting hunting through the Internet or otherwise enable another person to hunt through the Internet.
 - (3) Allows any conservation officer or any person specifically employed or designated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to offer to host or otherwise enable another person to hunt through the Internet for the sole purpose of obtaining evidence of a violation of this section.
 - (4) Any firearm, computer, equipment, appliance or conveyance used in violation is contraband and shall be confiscated and forfeited to the state upon seizure by law enforcement.
- Section 4
- (1) Violation of subsection (1) of Section 3 is a Class II misdemeanor, with a fine of not less than \$75.00 and the individual shall not hunt, fish or trap in this state for a period of not less than one year from the date of sentencing.
 - (2) Violation of subsection (2) of Section 3 is a Class II misdemeanor and requires a minimum fine of \$75.00. Upon sentencing, the individual shall not be able to hunt, fish or trap in this state for a period of not less than one year. Each transaction is considered a separate offense.
- Section 5 Repealer.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

None

Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson