

# Senate Game and Fisheries Committee

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

**House Bill 1523, Printer's No. 2208**

**Prime Sponsor: Kula**

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to lower the allowable blood alcohol content (BAC) of adults for determination of hunting or furtaking under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance, and allows the Game Commission to promulgate regulations regarding consent and administration of testing.

#### **BILL ANALYSIS:**

HB 1523 amends Section 2501 of the Code (relating to hunting or furtaking prohibited while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance) to lower the limit on the amount of alcohol in an adult's blood, from .10% or greater to .08% or greater, that is required to constitute a violation of this section. A violation of the section for a minor remains unchanged at .02% or more.

The bill also amends Section 2502 (relating to chemical test to determine amount of alcohol), allowing the Game Commission to promulgate regulations relating to the consent for and administration of testing for determination of a violation of Section 2501.

HB 1523 also reduces the time – from three hours to two hours after hunting/furtaking - in which a sample of an adult's or minor's breath, blood or urine sample must be taken in order to be tested.

#### **EXISTING LAW:**

Section 2531 of Title 34 sets the legal blood alcohol limit at .10%.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This bill shall take effect in 60 days.