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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PERMIT – No Fee
INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION

The permit applicant must submit proof with this application that they are disabled per NRS 501.181-(9) by having a licensed physician complete the certification portion of this application.

NRS 501.181(9) LCB File 105-16 provides, in part, that a disabled hunter may designate a person to assist them in the "killing and retrieval of a wounded big game mammal".

Generally, providing assistance to a hunter, trapper, or angler is not prohibited by Nevada hunting and fishing laws or regulations. Only when the assistance results in the person providing the assistance in actually taking the fish or game (e.g. aiming and firing the rifle, reeling in the fish, etc.) would the assistance violate state law or regulation.

Persons requiring assistance to kill and retrieve a wounded big game mammal, due to a permanent physical disability may receive a Designated Licensed Assistant Permit, so that a designated person may legally provide the needed assistance (recognizing) that this form of assistance means the designated person is potentially taking the permit holder's legal tag limit, returning the game, punching and attaching the tag.

The designated person providing assistance is obligated to follow NRS 501.181 and LCB File 105-16. The designated licensed assistant must have a current Nevada hunting license which is not suspended, revoked, or restricted and be 18 years or older

This permit application is not intended to be a complete statement of applicable laws or regulations. Please contact the Nevada Department of Wildlife if additional information is required.

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Legal Name:	**Social Security No.:**	**Sportsman ID:**
Mailing Address, City, St, Zip :		**Telephone No.:**
Physical Address, City, St, Zip:		**Date of Birth:**
Big Game Tag - Hunt:	**Tag Number:**	**License No:**
SIGNATURE: _____ I, the signator holder in signing this application, do hereby attest that I meet all requirements while hunting in the State of Nevada.		

DESIGNATED LICENSED ASSISTANTS		
Assistant #1 **Legal Name:**	Sportsman ID:	License No:
Mailing Address, City, St, Zip:		Telephone No.:
Physical Address, City, St, Zip:		Date of Birth:
SIGNATURE: _____ I, the signator holder in signing this application, do hereby attest that I meet all requirements while hunting in the State of Nevada.		
Assistant #2 **Legal Name:**	Sportsman ID:	License No:
Mailing Address, City, St, Zip:		Telephone No.:
Physical Address, City, St, Zip:		Date of Birth
SIGNATURE: _____ I, the signator holder in signing this application, do hereby attest that I meet all requirements while hunting in the State of Nevada.		
Assistant #3 **Legal Name:**	Sportsman ID:	License No:
Mailing Address, City, St, Zip:		Telephone No.:
Physical Address, City, St, Zip:		Date of Birth:
SIGNATURE: _____ I, the signator holder in signing this application, do hereby attest that I meet all requirements while hunting in the State of Nevada.		

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THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY LICENSED PHYSICIAN

Please type or print clearly. An incomplete application will be returned with no action taken.

The named applicant is applying for a Special Assistance Permit. NRS 501.181-9 and adopted regulations prescribing the circumstances under which a person may obtain the permit. The applicant must meet the following criteria in NRS 501.1841.9 listed below:

1) Is a paraplegic,
   a) has had one or both legs amputated or
   b) has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes the person's walking; and
2) Has obtained a valid tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal.

Does this applicant meet the requirement of NRS 501.181a? [ ] Yes [ ] No.

Physician's Name: (LAST) (FIRST) (INITIAL)		
Mailing Address:		
City:	**State:**	**Zipcode:**
Physician's License No.	**State:**	**Telephone:**
Physician's Signature:_____ **Date:**_____ **As a Physician for the above-named patient, I hereby certify that I have examined the named applicant and I verify that this individual has meets the requirements for the Special Assistance Permit and that all information I am providing is true and correct.**		

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR OUT OF STATE PHYSICIANS

Physicians, not licensed in the state of Nevada must send a photocopy of their medical license or have their signature notarized below.

Signed and sworn before me on this day of _____, 20____ before me, a Notary Public for the state of _____, residing in _____ county, the undersigned personally appeared known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument.

_____ OFFICIAL SEAL

Notary Public

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NRS 501.181 subsection 9.

9. Adopt regulations prescribing the circumstances under which a person, regardless of whether the person has obtained a valid tag issued by the Department, may assist in the killing and retrieval of a wounded big game mammal by another person who:
   (a) Is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated or has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes the person's walking; and
   (b) Has obtained a valid tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal.

LCB File No. R105-16 amends Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 502 with the following sections.
Section 1. Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive.

Sec. 2. "Designated licensed assistant" means a person designated on a special assistance permit to assist the holder of the permit in accordance with sections 4 and 5 of this regulation.

Sec. 3. "Special assistance permit" means a permit issued by the Department to a person who meets the requirements of section 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 4. 1. The holder of a tag issued by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt a big game mammal may apply for a special assistance permit authorizing a designated licensed assistant to assist the holder in accordance with section 5 of this regulation if the holder:
   (a) Is a paraplegic;
   (b) Has had one or both legs amputated; or
   (c) Has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes the holder's walking.
2. An application for a special assistance permit must:
   (a) Be submitted on a form provided by the Department and must include, without limitation:
      (1) The applicant's legal name, physical address, mailing address if different from the physical address and telephone number;
      (2) The social security number and client number of the applicant;
      (3) The class and number of the hunting license issued to the applicant in this State;
      (4) The legal name of each designated licensed assistant;
      (5) The physical mailing address and telephone number of each designated licensed assistant; and
      (6) The hunting license number and client number of each designated licensed assistant.
   (b) Include:
      (1) A statement signed by the applicant which affirms that the applicant is eligible for the special assistance permit pursuant to subsection 1; and
      (2) A signed statement from each designated licensed assistant named in the application affirming that the designated licensed assistant meets the requirements of subsection 4.
   (c) Be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed physician certifying that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1.
3. An applicant for a special assistance permit pursuant to this section who holds more than one tag issued by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt a big game mammal must complete a separate application for each tag. The applicant:
   (a) Is not required to use the same designated licensed assistant for each tag; and
   (b) May list more than one designated licensed assistant for each tag.
4. To be a designated licensed assistant, a person:
   (a) Must be 18 years of age or older;
   (b) Must hold a valid hunting license in this State;
   (c) Must not have any license, permit or privilege issued to him or her pursuant to title 45 of NRS suspended or revoked; and
   (d) Is not required to hold a tag for the big game mammal which the holder of the special assistance permit is authorized to take.
5. A special assistance permit issued pursuant to this section must be issued free of charge to the applicant.

Sec. 5. 1. A holder of a special assistance permit who is in the field:
   (a) Must have the special assistance permit in his or her possession; and
   (b) May be accompanied by more than one designated licensed assistant listed on his or her special assistance permit but may only be actively assisted during the hunt by one designated licensed assistant at a time.
2. Each designated licensed assistant in the field with the holder of a special assistance permit must have a copy of the special assistance permit in his or her possession, and must exhibit the copy of the permit upon the demand of any officer authorized to enforce the fish and game laws of this State.
3. A designated licensed assistant who is in the field to assist the holder of a special assistance permit during a hunt:
   (a) Must have his or her hunting license and a copy of the special assistance permit in his or her possession;
   (b) May not use a weapon other than the weapon authorized by the tag of the holder of the special assistance permit;
   (c) Except as required to perform any task authorized in paragraphs (d) and (e), must be accompanied at all times during the hunt by the holder of the special assistance permit;
   (d) May, if he or she has a good faith belief that the holder of a special assistance permit has lawfully wounded a big game mammal, discharge his or her weapon to assist in the taking of the big game mammal; and
   (e) May assist the holder of a special assistance permit in:

(1) The validation and attachment of the tag of the holder of a special assistance permit that is required by NAC 502.390 and 502.400; and

(2) Retrieving the big game mammal wounded or killed by the holder of a special assistance permit.

4. For the purposes of title 45 of NRS, if a big game mammal is harvested pursuant to the provisions of this section, the holder of the special assistance permit will be deemed to be the person who killed or harvested the big game mammal.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 4 of this regulation, each holder of a special assistance permit and each designated licensed assistant is subject to all applicable laws and regulations relating to the type of hunt for which the holder of the special assistance permit is authorized, except those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

NAC 502.385

1. The tag or permit must:

(a) Include, in the space provided on the tag or permit, the signature of the holder of the tag or permit and the date on which and time at which the holder signed the tag or permit; and

(b) Be carried by the holder at all times while the holder is hunting or trapping or while he or she is fishing for wildlife for which a tag or permit is required.

2. Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this regulation, it is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Use or possess a tag or permit issued to any other person;

(b) Transfer or give a tag or permit issued to him or her to any other person;

(c) Use any tag or permit in a management area or unit for which it is not intended; or

(d) Use a tag or permit at any time other than at the time intended.

3. After it has been issued, a tag or permit may not be exchanged or a refund made except in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Commission.

NAC 502.390

Except as otherwise provided in section 5, when a person reaches any wildlife which the person has killed, he or she must validate his or her tag or permit immediately by clearly punching out the spaces necessary to properly identify the physical description of the animal, including its sex and antler points, where appropriate, and the day and month of the kill.

NAC 502.400

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and section 5, the owner of a tag or permit must firmly attach it to the carcass of an animal killed by the owner, at or before the time he or she first reaches his or her means of transportation or camp. The tag or permit must remain with the major portion of the meat until it is consumed.

2. If the animal killed is a mountain lion or fur-bearing mammal for which a tag or permit is required, the owner of the tag or permit or a designated licensed assistant pursuant to section 5 of this regulation must firmly attach it to the hide or pelt of the animal. The tag or permit must remain attached to the hide while it is transported and until it is processed.