

**115-3-2. Rabbits, hares, and squirrels; legal equipment, taking methods, and possession. (a)**

Legal hunting equipment for rabbits, hares, and squirrels shall consist of the following:

(1) Firearms, except fully automatic rifles and handguns and except shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns larger than 10 gauge or using other than shot ammunition;

(2) pellet and BB guns;

(3) archery equipment;

(4) crossbows;

(5) falconry equipment;

(6) projectiles hand-thrown or propelled by a slingshot;

(7) box traps for rabbits and hares only;

(8) optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light;

(9) lures, decoys except live decoys, and calls, including electric calls; and

(10) other equipment or methods as allowed by permit.

(b) The use of dogs, horses, and mules shall be permitted while hunting, but no person shall shoot while mounted on a horse or mule.

(c) Legal hours for the hunting and taking of rabbits, hares, and squirrels shall be from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset during established hunting seasons, except that legal hours for the running and box-trapping of rabbits and hares shall be 24 hours per day during established running seasons.

(d) Any type of apparel may be worn while hunting or running rabbits and hares.

(e) Legally taken rabbits, hares, and squirrels may be possessed without limit in time and may be given to another if accompanied by a dated written notice that includes the donor's printed name,

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signature, address, and permit or license number. The person receiving the meat shall retain the notice until the meat is consumed, given to another, or otherwise disposed of. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2018 2020 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2018 2020 Supp. 32-1002; effective, T-115-7-27-89, July 27, 1989; effective Sept. 18, 1989; amended, T-115-12-28-89, Dec. 28, 1989; amended Jan. 22, 1990; amended Sept. 19, 1997; amended June 1, 2001; amended July 23, 2004; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended April 26, 2019; amended P-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**Kansas Administrative Regulations  
Economic Impact Statement  
For the Kansas Division of the Budget**

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K.A.R. Number(s)

Submit a hard copy of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and any external documents that the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) would adopt, along with the following to:

Division of the Budget  
900 SW Jackson, Room 504-N  
Topeka, KS 66612

**I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

The proposed changes to the regulation would allow for the running and box-trapping of hares, the same as is currently allowed for rabbits, in an effort to better standardize the regulations.

**II. Statement by the agency if the rule(s) and regulation(s) is mandated by the federal government and a statement if approach chosen to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or the federal government. *(If the approach is different, then include a statement of why the Kansas rule and regulation proposed is different)***

This is not a federal mandate. Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado all have varying regulations dealing with rabbit and hare hunting seasons and requirements.

**III. Agency analysis specifically addressing following:**

**A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;**

The proposed amendments will neither enhance nor restrict business activities and growth.

**B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that would be affected by the proposed rule and regulation and on the state economy as a whole;**

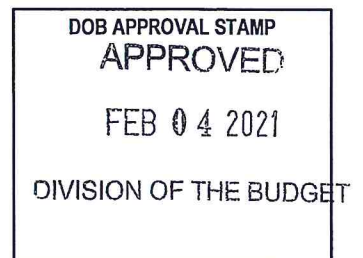
The proposed amendments will have no negative economic effect on any sector.

**C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;**

None.

**D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;**

The proposed benefits include allowing another method of permit delivery.





- E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals;**

There are no negative costs associated with this proposal.

- F. An estimate, expressed as a total dollar figure, of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to business, local governments, or members of the public.**

There are no additional implementation or compliance costs with this proposal.

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There are no additional implementation or compliance costs with this proposal.

**Do the above total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period?**

YES ☐ NO ☒

**Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.**

Rabbit and hare hunting is a very small subset of small game hunting. Small game hunting requires a general hunting license. Big game hunting requires a permit for the species to be hunted as well as a general hunting license. As a result, the agency cannot determine the economic impact of the sale of hunting licenses specifically used to hunt rabbits and hares. However, based on 2020 hunting license sales, the agency sold approximately 156,236 general hunting licenses of all categories, both resident and nonresident, generating approximately \$9,209,640.00, all of which accrues to the wildlife fee fund. The sale of small game hunting licenses generates an additional \$73,743,392.00 for the Kansas economy, based on data contained in a report published by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service every five years.

**Prior to the submission or resubmission of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), did the agency hold a public hearing if the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.**

YES ☒ NO ☐

The agency will held a public hearing on January 14, attended by 52 members of the public and will hold public hearings on March 25 and April 29 on the proposed regulation.

- G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or**

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**school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.**

Not applicable.

- H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, associations, local governments, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

News releases to every newspaper in the state, discussion at prior public hearings and meetings which are broadcast online, publication in the Kansas Register and publication on the Department's website.

- I. For environmental rule(s) and regulation(s) describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, as well as the persons would bear the costs and would be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).**

Not applicable.

