

AN ACT relating to elk hunting permits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 150 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) As used in this section "Elk Zone" means the sixteen (16) county elk restoration zone which includes the following Kentucky counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike, and Whitley.
- (2) Each year the department holds a regular season elk quota hunt, it also shall hold a disabled hunter postseason quota hunt for permit holders:

 - (a) Who qualify for a permit under KRS 150.175(27); and
 - (b) Whose names were not drawn by the department for the regular elk quota hunt.
- (3) (a) The number of permits for the disabled hunter postseason elk hunt shall not be more than ten percent (10%) of the total number of permits for the elk quota hunt allotted in a given year for both sexes.

 - (b) The selection for permits under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be made by computerized random selection of the population of hunters eligible under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) A hunter participating in the disabled hunter postseason elk quota hunt shall comply with laws governing hunting in the Commonwealth, both state and federal, and the department shall make every effort to ensure disabled access to areas in the Elk Zone.
- (5) If a hunter eligible for a permit under this section owns land in the Elk Zone, he or she may hunt on his or her own lands rather than assigned areas in the Elk Zone.