

115-18-7. Use of crossbows and locking draws for big game and wild turkey hunting by persons with disabilities; application, permit, and general provisions. (a) Each permanently disabled person qualified to hunt deer, antelope, elk, or wild turkey with a crossbow and desiring to obtain a crossbow and locking draw permit shall apply to the secretary on forms provided by the department. Each applicant shall provide the following information:

(1) Name of applicant;

(2) address;

(3) a physician's signed report, on forms provided by the department, describing the permanent disability and certifying the applicant physically incapable of using a bow; and

(4) other relevant information as required by the secretary.

(b) Each person with a temporary disability who would be qualified to hunt deer, antelope, elk, or wild turkey with a crossbow if the disability were permanent and who desires to obtain a temporary crossbow and locking draw permit shall apply to the secretary on forms provided by the department.

Each applicant shall provide the following information:

(1) Name of applicant;

(2) address;

(3) a physician's signed report, on forms provided by the department, describing the disability, certifying the applicant physically incapable of using a bow, and estimating the time period that the person is likely to be subject to the disability; and

(4) other relevant information as required by the secretary.

Each temporary permit shall expire no more than three years from the date of issuance and shall state the expiration date on the face of the permit.

(c) Any applicant may be required by the secretary to obtain, at the department's expense, a report from a second physician chosen by the secretary.

(d) A crossbow and locking draw permit or temporary permit may be refused issuance or may be revoked by the secretary for any of the following reasons:

(1) The disability does not meet qualifications for the permit.

(2) The application is incomplete or contains false information.

(3) The disability under which the permit was issued no longer exists.

(e) A crossbow and locking draw permit or temporary permit shall be valid statewide.

(f) Any crossbow and locking draw permittee may use a crossbow or bow equipped with a locking draw for hunting deer, antelope, elk, or wild turkey during any archery season established by the secretary for the big game species or wild turkey being hunted by the permittee. This provision shall be subject to the applicable regulations governing archery hunting of that big game species or wild turkey, including possession of a valid hunting permit issued by the department for that big game species or wild turkey, if required.

(g) Legal equipment for hunting any big game or wild turkey by crossbow shall consist of the following:

(1) ~~Crossbows of not less than 125 pounds of draw weight;~~

(2) ~~Arrows not less than 16 inches in length,~~ equipped with broadhead points incapable of

passing through a ring with a diameter smaller than three-quarters of an inch when fully expanded;

~~(3)~~ (2) if attached to the bow, any lighted pin, dot, or holographic sights attached to the bow, but no other electronic or chemical device attached to the crossbow or arrow; illuminated nocks; rangefinders; film or video cameras; and radio-frequency location devices;

~~(4)~~ (3) optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible light or detect infrared light or thermal energy; and

~~(5)~~ (4) range-finding devices, if the system does not project visible light toward the target.

(h) Legal equipment for hunting any big game or wild turkey using a bow equipped with a locking draw shall consist of legal archery equipment as specified in K.A.R. 115-4-4, except that the bow may have a mechanical device that locks the bow at full or partial draw.

(i) Any person may assist the holder of a crossbow permit or a temporary crossbow permit during the permittee's hunting activity. A person assisting a holder of a permit shall not perform the actual shooting of the crossbow for the permittee.

(j) A big game or wild turkey hunter using crossbow equipment may possess non-broadhead-tipped arrows while hunting if the arrows are not used to take or attempt to take wild turkeys or big game animals.

(k) No bow, crossbow, or arrow shall have any electronic device attached to the bow, crossbow,

or arrow that controls the flight of the arrow.

(1) No device capable of dispensing lethal, debilitating, or immobilizing chemicals to take wild turkeys or big game animals shall be used. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807, as amended by L. 2012, Ch. 47, Sec. 25, K.S.A. ~~2009~~ 2011 Supp. 32-919, as amended by L. 2012, Ch. 154, Sec. 5, and K.S.A. ~~2009~~ 2011 Supp. 32-932, as amended by L. 2012, Ch. 47, Sec. 48; implementing K.S.A. ~~2009~~ 2011 Supp. 32-932, as amended by L. 2012, Ch. 47, Sec. 48; effective Oct. 30, 1989; amended, T-115-9-9-97, Sept. 9, 1997; amended Dec. 29, 1997; amended Oct. 1, 1999; amended April 19, 2002; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended April 11, 2008; amended May 21, 2010; amended P-_____.)