

A young boy in camouflage gear is sitting in a field of dry grass, holding a rifle. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the foreground, a dead deer is lying on the ground, its head turned towards the left. The background is a field of tall, dry grass under bright sunlight.

Director's Authority to Grant the Donation of a License for Transfer to an Approved Non-profit Organization

- Amending Hunting and Fishing
License Application

19.31.3 NMAC

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Authorizes the Director to Transfer a Hunting License to a Nonprofit Organization

- License must be donated by licensee.
- Appropriate license fees must be paid.



Lost Opportunities

- Currently, 19.31.3.11 NMAC restricts such transfers to “wish granting organizations”.
- Frequently, these organizations are unable to provide appropriate recipients on short notice.
- As a result, potential donations are unused and the opportunity for deserving youth hunters is lost.



Proposed Solution

- Remove “wish granting” language from the rule.
- The Commission would still have to approve nonprofit organizations that promote youth hunting, fishing and trapping.
- Rule would then reflect the statute.



Proposed Amendment

19.31.3.11 F. Donation of permits or licenses: Upon written request from a licensee or their official representative, the director may grant the donation of a hunting license for transfer to a ~~person~~ **youth 17 years of age or younger** who has been qualified through an approved nonprofit ~~wish-granting~~ organization that promotes youth hunting, fishing and trapping activities. The donor of the license shall not be eligible for a refund of license or application fees. When a transfer of a license results in a higher license fee due to differences between the original licensee and the new licensee (age, residency, etc.), the difference shall be paid prior to issuance of a license or permit. The state game commission must approve any nonprofit ~~wish-granting~~ organizations prior to their that participation in receiving, identifying and or submitting recipients for donated licenses or permits. However, a once-in-a-lifetime licensee may be reinstated as eligible to participate in future drawings for the same species and hunt type if the licensee donated his or her license to an individual qualified by an approved nonprofit ~~wish-granting~~ organization. Donation of a once-in-a-lifetime license will not prohibit the donor from applying for and receiving another license for the same species and restrictions in the future.



WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

- A draft amendment was posted and presented at the November Meeting.
- Internal review continued, to date, no public comments have been received.
- Draft was amended to clarify that recipients must be under 18 years old.



Commission Direction

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“Move to accept the Department's recommendation to amend 19.31.3 NMAC as presented”



Field Operations Division