

Nev. panel delays ban on 'smart rifle' laws

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CARSON CITY – A legislative panel on Wednesday postponed a regulation to prohibit Nevada hunters from using high-tech rifles capable of zeroing in on big game from up to a mile away.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife approved the ban on so-called “smart rifles” this fall, citing concerns that the technology allowing hunters to execute a kill shot with laser-like precision from long distances is contrary to the sportsmen’s doctrine of “fair chase.”

But the Legislative Commission withheld action after complaints from a lobbyist for a leading manufacturer, and some rural lawmakers raised concerns.

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