

HOUSE BILL 31

Introduced by R. Debruycker

12/27	Introduced
12/27	Referred to Fish & Game
12/28	Fiscal Note Requested
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1/07	First Reading
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1/22	Hearing
2/14	Tabled in Committee

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 31
2 INTRODUCED BY R. DEBRUYCKER

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LAW
5 REGARDING SHOOTING PRESERVES BY ESTABLISHING A YEAR-ROUND
6 HUNTING SEASON AND ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT PERSONS
7 HUNTING ON SHOOTING PRESERVES HAVE AN UPLAND GAME BIRD
8 LICENSE; AMENDING SECTION 87-4-521, MCA; AND REPEALING
9 SECTION 87-4-504, MCA."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Section 87-4-521, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "87-4-521. Duration of season. In order to give a
14 reasonable opportunity for a fair return on a sizeable
15 investment, the season established for shooting preserves
16 ~~shall be no less than 120 consecutive days, as designated by~~
17 ~~the department, during the 4-month period beginning~~
18 ~~September 1 and ending December 31~~ is open year-round."

19 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. Section 87-4-504,
20 MCA, is repealed.

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INTRODUCED BILL
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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0031, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This legislation proposes revising the law regarding shooting preserves by establishing a year-round hunting season and eliminating the requirement that persons hunting on shooting preserves have an upland game bird license.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Licensed shooting preserves will double from 26 to about 50.
2. The 150 nonresident and 150 resident hunters which currently utilize shooting preserves also will double to 300 nonresident and 300 resident hunters.
3. About 50% of the hunters will hunt only in shooting preserves and will not buy a hunting license. The other 50% of the hunters will hunt in other areas and will continue to purchase a license.
4. Because the length of the season will triple and shooting preserve licensees are assumed to double, it is assumed that 0.50 FTE is needed to administer this program within the statutes. Estimates of the FTE costs are based upon average warden costs: Personal services of \$13,268; operations/equipment of \$5,250 for a total of \$18,918 per year.
5. To administer licensing of shooting preserves, the department is required by 87-4-528, MCA, to make unscheduled inspections for compliance with the statutes relating to registration of hunters, tagging of game, posting of the preserve boundaries, species which may be hunted and percentage of game recoverable.
6. There will be no impact on license revenue since the number of shooting preserves will double but only half of the hunters will purchase licenses.
7. Shooting preserve fees will increase from \$2,780 for licensing 24 preserves to \$5,560 for licensing 50 preserves and be deposited in the general license account.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks:

Expenditures:

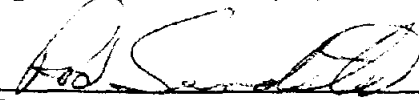
	FY '92			FY '93		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Personal Services	0	\$13,668	\$13,668	0	\$13,668	\$13,668
Operating Expenses	0	5,250	5,250	0	5,250	5,250
Total	0	\$18,918	\$18,918	0	\$18,918	\$18,918

Funding:


State Special (Gen Lic Acct)	0	\$18,918	18,918	0	\$18,918	18,918
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Revenue:

Shooting Preserve Fees (02)	2,780	5,560	2,780	2,780	5,560	2,780
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ROGER DEBRUYCKER, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
 Fiscal Note for HB0031, as introduced

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