HOUSE BILL 185

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CLASS B-10 NONRESIDENT BIG GAME COMBINATION LICENSES THAT MAY BE SOLD IN A LICENSE YEAR; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF LICENSE FUNDS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-242, 87-1-246, AND 87-2-505, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-505, MCA, is amended to read:
"87-2-505. (Temporary) Class B-10--nonresident big game combination license. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who will be 12 years of age or older prior to September 15 of the season for which the license is issued may, upon payment of the fee of $\$ 450$ and subject to the limitations prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to the fish and game office, Helena, Montana, to purchase a B-10 nonresident big game combination license which shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of
 an eik tag. This license includes the nonresident conservation license as prescribed in 87-2-202.
(2) Not more than $\neq 7, \theta \theta \theta$ 18,500 Class $B-10$ licenses may
be sold in any one license year. Proceeds from the sale of the first 17,000 Class $B-10$ licenses sold in any one license year are distributed as provided in 87-1-242, 87-1-246, and 87-1-601. Proceeds from the sale of the next 1,500 Class B-10 licenses sold in any one license year revert to the general license account in the state special revenue fund created under 87-1-601. (Terminates March 1, 1994--sec. 12, Ch. 598, L. 1987.)

87-2-505. (Effective March 1, 1994) Class B-10--nonresident big game combination license. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who will be 12 years of age or older prior to September 15 of the season for which the license is issued may, upon payment of the fee of $\$ 373$ and subject to the limitations prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to the fish and game office, Helena, Montana, to purchase a $\mathrm{B}-10$ nonresident big game combination license which shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of Class $B, C l a s s ~ B-1, C l a s s ~ B-7, ~ a n d ~ b l a c k ~$ bear licenses, and an elk tag. This license includes the nonresident conservation license as prescribed in 87-2-202.
(2) Not more than $¥ 7 \% \theta \theta \theta$ 18,500 Class B-10 1 icenses may be sold in any one license year. Proceeds from the sale of the first 17,000 Class $B-10$ licenses sold in any one license year are distributed as provided in 87-1-246 and 87-1-601.

Proceeds from the sale of the next 1,500 Class B-10 licenses sold in any one license year revert to the general license account in tine state special revenue fund created under 87-1-601."

Section 2. Section 87-1-242, MCA, is amended to read:
"87-1-242. (Temporary) Funding for wildife habitat.
(1) The amount of money specified in this subsection from the sale of each hunting license or permit listed must be used exclusively by the commission to secure, deveiop, and maintain wildiife habitat, subject to appropriation by the iegislature.
(a) Subject to the restrictions in 87-2-505(2). Class B-10, nonresident combination, \$77;
(b) Nonresident antelope, $\$ 20$;
(c) Nonresident moose, $\$ 20$;
(d) Nonresident mountain goat, $\$ 20$;
(e) Nonresident mountain sheep, $\$ 20$;
(E) Class D-1, nonresident mountain lion, $\$ 20$;
(g) Nonresident black bear, \$20;
(h) wild turkey nonresident, $\$ 10$;
(i) Class AAA, sportsman's, \$7;
(j) Class $B-11$ nonresident deer combination, $\$ 200$.
(2) Twenty percent of any increase after March 1, 1988, in the fee for the Class $B-7$ license or any license or permit listed in subsection (l) must be allocated for use as
provided in subsection (1).
(3) Eighty percent of the money allocated by this section, together with the interest and income therefrom, must be used to secure wildife habitat pursuant to 87-1-209.
(4) Twenty percent of the money allacated by this section must be credited to the account created by 87-1-601(5) for use in the manner prescribed therein for the development and maintenance of real property used for wildife habitat. (Terminates March 1 , 1994--sec. 12, Ch. 598, L. 1987.)"

Section 3. Section 87-i-246, MCA, is amended to read:
*87-1-246. Funding of upland game bird enhancement program. The amount of money specified in this section from the sale of each hunting license listed must be used exclusively by the department to preserve and enhance upland game bird populations in Montana in accordance with 87-1-246 through 87-1-249, subject to appropriation by the legislature:
(1) Class $A-1$, resident upland game bird, $\$ 2$;
(2) Class $3-1$, nonresident upland game bird, $\$ 23$;
(3) Class AAA, sportsman's, \$2; and
(4) Subject to the restrictions in 8?-2-505(2), Class 3-10, nonresident big game combination, \$23."

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HBO185, as introduced.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill increases the number of nonresident big game combination licenses that the state can sell from 17,000 to 18,500 The bill earmarks the revenue from the sale of the additional 1,500 licenses to the general license account.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The license structure remains the same, eg., no increase in the number of nonresident deer combination licenses, regional nonresident deer licenses are not implemented via the special drawings, bear license is not removed from the big game combination license.
2. Price of the combination license remains at $\$ 450$ per license.
3. Administrative costs are $\$ 4$ to produce each license sold. Therefore, total additional expenses to produce an additional 1,500 licenses will be $\$ 6,000$.
4. All 18,500 nonresident big game combination licenses will be sold.
5. Revenues will increase by $\$ 675,000$ per year ( $1,500 \mathrm{x} \$ 450$ ).

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

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|  | Current Law | Proposed Law | Difference | Current Law | Proposed Law | Difference |
| Expenditures: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal Services | 30,000 | 32,000 | 2,000 | 30,000 | 32,000 | 2,000 |
| Operating Costs | 62,000 | 66,000 | 4,000 | 62.000 | 66,000 | 4,000 |
| Total | 92,000 | 98,000 | 6,000 | 92,000 | 98,000 | 6,000 |
| Funding: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General License (02) | 92,000 | 98,000 | 6,000 | 92,000 | 98,000 | 6,000 |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General License (02) | 7,650,000 | 8,325,000 | 675,000 | 7,650,000 | 8,325,000 | 675,000 |



Office of Budget and Program Planning


Fiscal Note for HB0185, as introduced

