

HOUSE BILL 368

Introduced by O'Keefe, et al.

1/22	Introduced
1/22	Referred to Fish & Game
1/23	First Reading
1/23	Fiscal Note Requested
1/28	Fiscal Note Printed [sic.]
1/28	Fiscal Note Received
1/29	Hearing
1/20	Tabled in Committee

1 House BILL NO. 368
 2 INTRODUCED BY Rep. J. Brown
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW NONRESIDENT
 5 FULL-TIME COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO PURCHASE
 6 MONTANA HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES AT THE PRICE
 7 ESTABLISHED FOR RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
 8 EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10 WHEREAS, Montana colleges and universities are feeling
 11 the effects of the drop in the number of students graduating
 12 from Montana high schools and are trying various ways to
 13 increase their ability to attract students from out of
 14 state; and

15 WHEREAS, students from outside Montana are attracted to
 16 this state because of the beautiful outdoor environment and
 17 the opportunity to participate in outdoor recreational
 18 activities; and

19 WHEREAS, nonresidents who now come to Montana as
 20 full-time students cannot afford nonresident hunting and
 21 fishing licenses, resulting in little increase in license
 22 revenues; and

23 WHEREAS, additional nonresident students might be
 24 attracted to Montana if they knew that full-time enrollment
 25 in a Montana college or university would entitle them to

1 purchase hunting and fishing licenses at resident rates,
 2 resulting in an overall increase in license revenues.
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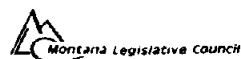
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

5 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Nonresident full-time college
 6 or university students. A nonresident full-time student
 7 enrolled in a college or university located in Montana may,
 8 upon presenting proof of current enrollment to the
 9 department or a license agent, purchase Montana hunting and
 10 fishing licenses at the price established for Montana
 11 residents. Licenses issued under this section are void upon
 12 failure of the nonresident student to maintain full-time
 13 enrollment status in a Montana college or university.

14 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.
 15 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
 16 of Title 87, chapter 2, part 8, and the provisions of Title
 17 87, chapter 2, part 8, apply to [section 1].

18 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is
 19 effective on passage and approval.

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INTRODUCED BILL
 HB 368

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0368, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill allows nonresident full-time college and university students to purchase Montana hunting and fishing licenses at the price established for residents.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Nonresident includes both foreign and U.S. students.
2. Information is only available on the number of foreign students at Montana's six major universities.
3. The number of nonresident, foreign students enrolled in Montana's six major universities is 3,974 (obtained from the Montana University System).
4. To verify proof of current enrollment, court time involved in those cited for false statements, and running computer checks in association with enrollment records would require an additional 0.50 in enforcement.
5. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks assumes no revenue impact because:
 - A. There is no concrete data on the number of nonresident students currently buying nonresident hunting and/or fishing licenses.
 - B. Passage of this bill would encourage additional students to purchase Montana licenses for the first time.
 - C. The revenue lost from nonresident sales would be offset by the revenue received from additional license sales.


FISCAL IMPACT:

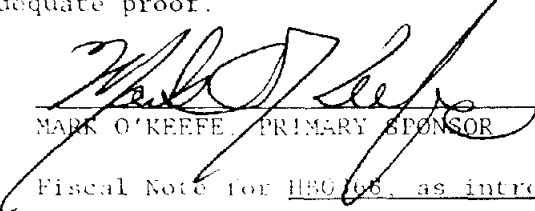
Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

	FY 92			FY 93		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
F.T.E.	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.50
Personal Services	0	13,668	13,668	0	13,668	13,668
Operating Costs	0	5,250	5,250	0	5,250	5,250
Total	0	18,918	18,918	0	18,918	18,918
<u>Funding:</u>						
General License (02)	0	18,918	18,918	0	18,918	18,918

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. In order to better determine whether the qualifications are met, nonresident full-time students should purchase their licenses at either a regional headquarters or at state headquarters in Helena.
2. A current tuition receipt and ID card should be required as adequate proof.

 1-28-91
 ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

 1/28/91
 MARK O'KEEFE, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
 Fiscal Note for HB0368, as introduced **HB 368**