

CHAPTER NO. 640

HOUSE BILL NO. 356

INTRODUCED BY ELLIS, RASSMUSSEN

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

IN THE HOUSE

January 24, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
March 24, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
March 26, 1979	Printed and placed on Members' desks. Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed.
March 27, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

March 27, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.
April 9, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 10, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
April 12, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

April 13, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 147-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 26, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 356 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 356 is proposed legislation to provide money to fund the existing liability in the game warden retirement system by using money collected as fines and forfeited bonds resulting from violations of state fish and game laws. Currently, the unfunded liability is at about \$3,588,000.

Presently, the warden retirement system is funded by contributions from both the employee and the employer. Seven percent (7%) of the warden's monthly salary is deducted and deposited to his credit in the game wardens' retirement account each month. The state's share is eleven percent (11%) each month. In addition, the state provides an additional 0.3% to cover administrative costs of operating the retirement system.

House Bill 356 proposes to use all moneys collected as fines and forfeited bonds resulting from state fish and game law violations.

REVENUE IMPACT:

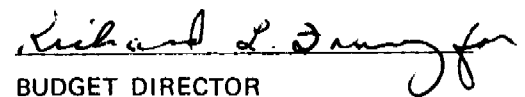
	<u>FY80</u>	<u>FY81</u>
Proposed law		
Game & fish fines and bond for forfeitures	\$154,000	\$159,000
Contribution of 4% of fines under current law	<u>57,200</u>	<u>58,900</u>
Increased contribution under proposed law	<u>\$ 96,800</u>	<u>\$100,100</u>

LONG-RANGE IMPACT:

To fully fund the current unfunded liability in the warden retirement system will take about 40 years to accomplish with the proposed legislation.

TECHNICAL NOTE:

The current subsection (1) and the proposed subsection (2) of this MCA section may be in direct conflict with each other. Note that subsection (1) limits the use of fine money to 4% while subsection (2) proposes to use all such fines until the account is solvent.


BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: 2/2/79

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