

House Bill 323

In The House

January 19, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
January 21, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
January 26, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 323

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO FURTHER LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NONRESIDENT BIG GAME COMBINATION LICENSES SOLD IN A LICENSE YEAR; AMENDING SECTION 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. Class B-10--nonresident big game combination license. 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 \$225 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 Class B, Class B-1, Class B-7, and black bear licenses, and an elk tag. This license includes the nonresident conservation license as prescribed in 87-2-202. Not more than ~~17,000~~ 10,000 Class B-10 licenses may be sold in any one license year."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 169-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 21, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB 323 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:

An act to further limit the number of nonresident big game combination licenses sold in a license year.

ASSUMPTIONS:

Current price of the nonresident big game license is \$225. This price may increase to \$300 (May 1, 1982) and \$325 (May 1, 1983) if the fees contained in HB 200 are adopted by the Legislature.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Loss of revenue to Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks:

Current Law:	\$1,575,000, if fees are not raised.
Proposed Law HB 200:	\$2,100,000, FY 83, if fees are raised.
	\$2,275,000, FY 84, if fees are raised.

Based on a 1975 study by the Montana Outfitter and Guides Association, it is estimated that each nonresident hunter spent \$1,004.74 (not including licenses) while in Montana. This figure has not been adjusted for inflation.

Direct loss to the economy of the state of Montana is estimated at \$7,033,180 (7,000 hunters times average expenditures while in Montana of \$1,004.74). Using a multiplier effect of 1.84 (used by the Department of Highways for tourism) total economic loss to the State of Montana is estimated at \$12,941,051.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

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