

House Bill 441

In The House

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Introduced and referred
to Committee on Fish and
Game.

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. MLL
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NO
 5 LIMITATION IS IMPOSED ON THE NUMBER OF SPORTING GOODS
 6 DEALERS THAT MAY BE APPOINTED AS LICENSE AGENTS BY THE
 7 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS; TO INCREASE THE
 8 COMPENSATION OF LICENSE AGENTS FROM 15 CENTS TO 30 CENTS FOR
 9 EACH LICENSE ISSUED; AND TO ALLOW VOLUNTARY SERVICE BY
 10 LICENSE AGENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-901 AND 87-2-903,
 11 MCA."

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

14 Section 1. Section 87-2-901, MCA, is amended to read:
 15 "87-2-901. Appointment of license agents. The director
 16 may appoint license agents ~~as-needed~~ to sell state hunting
 17 and fishing licenses and any permits or certificates
 18 prescribed by the department, according to rules adopted by
 19 the department. No limitations are imposed on the number of
 20 sporting goods dealers the director may appoint as license
 21 agents in a locality; however, a sporting goods dealer must
 22 satisfy all other qualifications required by this part and
 23 rules adopted under it."

24 Section 2. Section 87-2-903, MCA, is amended to read:
 25 "87-2-903. Compensation and duties of agents. (1)

1 License agents, except salaried employees of the department,
 2 ~~shall receive~~ are entitled to receive upon request for all
 3 services rendered the sum of ~~15~~ 30 cents for each license,
 4 permit, or certificate issued. On or before the 10th day of
 5 each month each license agent shall submit to the department
 6 all duplicates of each class of licenses sold during the
 7 preceding month and shall accompany the duplicate licenses
 8 with all moneys received for the sale of the licenses less a
 9 fee of ~~15~~ 30 cents for each license sold if the agent has
 10 requested compensation. Each license agent shall keep his
 11 license account open at all reasonable hours to inspection
 12 by the department, the director, the wardens, or the
 13 legislative auditor.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "license"
 15 includes any license, permit, and certificate prescribed by
 16 the department."

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INTRODUCED BILL

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 216-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 26, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 441 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

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

Provide that no limitation is imposed on the number of sporting goods dealers that may be appointed as license agents by the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks; increase the compensation of license agents from 15¢ to 30¢ for each license issued; and to allow voluntary service by license agents.

Assumptions

1. It is assumed that 1982 and 1983 license sales will increase by 5% each year over 1979.
2. It is assumed that there will be a 100% increase in the number of dealers.
3. Increased number of dealers will not increase the quantity of licenses sold.
4. No dealers, other than department personnel, will sell licenses without a commission.

Fiscal Impact

	<u>FY 1982</u>	<u>FY 1983</u>
Current Law:		
Loss of revenue - dealer commissions	\$137,000	\$144,000
Expenditures - Personal Services	\$156,000	\$179,800
Operating Expenses	246,549	213,549
	\$402,549	\$393,349
	(\$539,549)	(\$537,349)
Proposed Law:		
Loss of revenue - dealer commissions	\$274,000	\$288,000
Expenditures - Personal Services	\$243,500	\$280,800
Operating Expenses	309,049	277,549
	\$552,549	\$557,349
	(\$826,549)	(\$846,349)
Net Effect (Decrease)	<u>(\$287,000)</u>	<u>(\$309,000)</u>

Long Range Effects

The long range effect would be the doubling of revenue lost due to commissions and an increased cost in administrative overhead incurred by the department.

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