

HOUSE BILL NO. 91

1/07 Introduced
1/07 Referred to Fish & Game
1/10 Hearing
1/18 Adverse Committee Report
1/21 Bill Killed

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2 INTRODUCED BY ERNST

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW THE HUNTING OF
5 BEAR WITH THE AID OF DOGS; AMENDING SECTION 87-3-124, MCA;
6 AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

9 Section 1. Section 87-3-124, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "87-3-124. Restrictions on hunting with dogs. (1) (a)
11 ~~Except--as-provided-in-87-3-127,-no~~ No person may chase with
12 dogs any of the game or fur-bearing animals as defined by
13 the fish and game laws of this state; ~~except that a person~~
14 may:

15 (i) hunt bear with the aid of dogs during the regular
16 open season for hunting bear;

17 (ii) take, hunt, and pursue bear with the aid of dogs
18 for the purpose of assisting the department in the capture
19 of bear involved in depredation other than livestock
20 killing, subject to any special requirements and limitations
21 on any permit or special license issued for such purpose;

22 (iii) chase, track, capture, and hunt bear at the
23 request of an authorized scientific investigative agency,
24 public zoological institution, or department research unit
25 engaged in the study of bear habitat, bear population

1 characteristics, or other subject of scientific inquiry.
2 However, the use of dogs and the conduct of scientific
3 research making it necessary to chase, track, capture, or
4 hunt bear with dogs must comply with any requirements and
5 limitations set by the department pursuant to 87-2-806.

6 (iv) use dogs to pursue stock-killing animals as
7 provided by 87-3-127;

8 (v) chase or hunt with dogs as provided by subsection
9 (2) of this section.

10 (b) A person may take game birds during the
11 appropriate open season with the aid of a dog or dogs. Any
12 person or association organized for the protection of game
13 may run field trials at any time upon obtaining written
14 permission from the director.

15 (c) Any peace officer, game warden, or other person
16 authorized to enforce the Montana fish and game laws who
17 witnesses any dog attacking or killing hooved game animals
18 may destroy that dog without criminal or civil liability.

19 (2) The department shall have authority to allow and
20 regulate the use of dogs for hunting mountain lion and
21 bobcat."

22 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any
23 existing authority of the department of fish, wildlife, and
24 parks to make rules on the subject of this act is extended
25 to the provisions of this act.



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1 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. This act is
2 effective January 1, 1986.

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