HOUSE BILL NO. 763

INTRODUCED BY MENAHAN, PAVLOVICH, HOLLIDAY, ABRAMS

IN THE HOUSE February 11, 1985 Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game. Fiscal Note requested. February 15, 1985 Fiscal Note returned. February 20, 1985 Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Statement of Intent attached. Bill printed and placed on members' desks. Second reading, do pass as February 22, 1985 amended. Correctly engrossed. February 23, 1985 Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate. IN THE SENATE March 4, 1985 Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game. March 27, 1985 Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted. Statement of Intent amended. March 29, 1985 Second reading, concurred in.

April 1, 1985

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Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 43; Noes, 5.

Returned to House with amended Statement of Intent.

IN THE HOUSE

April 2, 1985

April 8, 1985

Received from Senate.

Second reading, amended Statement of Intent concurred in.

On motion, rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.

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Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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STATE OF MONTANA

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN 400-85

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In compliance with a written request received <u>February 11</u>, <u>19</u><u>85</u>, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for <u>H.B. 763</u> 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:

H.B. 763 provides for special wild buffalo licenses and for the regulation of those licenses.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Twenty buffalo permits would be issued each year, two of which would be nonresidents.
- 2. It currently takes Law Enforcement two man days @ \$118/day and \$40 for mileage (20¢ per mile) to shoot, patrol, skin, transport and auction each bison.
- 3. Law Enforcement costs would decrease to 1/4 the mileage and 1/4 the labor if legislation is passed.
- 4. It will take 20 man hours to put together a brochure and map for a buffalo hunt.
- 5. To monitor bison, it will take five hours flying time with a helicopter (@ \$350/hour) and five hours time for a pilot and biologist @ approximately \$13 per hour each.
- 6. It will take 20 hours of time to revise the regulations and 160 hours to administer the hunt.
- 7. 5,000 individuals will apply for the drawings.
- 8. Drawing information will be mailed to approximately 200,000 residents and 75,000 nonresidents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

·	FY 86	FY 87
Additional Revenue	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500
Related Expenditures	(12,000)	(12,975)
Net Effect on License Funds	(\$ 1,475)	(\$ 1,475)

AFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES: None

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Inflation on the costs of operations and personnel services would occur.

BUDGET DIRECTOR Office of Budget and Program Planning

18 Date:

49th Legislature

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APPROVED BY COMM. On Fish and Game

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2	HOUSE BILL NO. 763
3	House Fish and Game Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT



March 26, 19.85

MR. PRESIDENT

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(JACOBSON WILL CARRY)

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Respectfully report as follows: That...... No....7.63......

statement of intent be amended as follows:

1. Statement of intent. Following: line 22

Insert: "It is the intent of the legislature that the regulated hunting of wild buffalo allowed by House Bill No. 763 be considered only one of many solutions available to the department and the national park service for controlling the migration of wild buffalo across the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. The legislature encourages further negotiations and cooperation between the department and the national park service to seek other methods of controlling, as soon as possible, the migration of wild buffalo into Montana from Yellowstone National Park."

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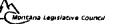
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10 partridge, ptarmigan, wild turkey, and chukar partridge.

11 (13) "Wild buffalo" means buffalo or bison which have 12 not been reduced to captivity."

13 Section 2. Section 87-2-701, MCA, is amended to read: *87-2-701. Special licenses. (1) Any applicant who 14 will be 12 years of age or older prior to September 15 of 15 16 the season for which the license is issued and is the holder of a resident wildlife conservation license or a nonresident 17 18 wildlife conservation license may apply for a special 19 license which, in the judgment of the department, is to be issued and shall pay the following fees therefor: 20

21 (a) moose--resident, \$50; nonresident, \$300;

(b) mountain goat--resident, \$50; nonresident, \$300;
(c) mountain sheep--resident, \$50; nonresident \$300;

23 (c) mountain sheep--resident, \$50; nonresident, \$300;

24 (d) antelope--resident, \$6; nonresident, \$100;

25 (e) grizzly bear--resident, \$50; nonresident, \$300;

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(f) black or brown bear--nonresident, \$100;

2 (g) wild buffalo--resident, \$50 \$200; nonresident,
 3 \$300 \$1,000.

4 (2) In the event a holder of a valid special grizzly 5 bear license kills a grizzly bear, he must purchase a trophy 6 license for a fee of \$25 within 10 days after date of kill. 7 Such trophy license shall authorize the holder to possess 8 and transport said trophy.

9 (3) Special licenses shall be issued in a manner10 prescribed by the department."

11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 3. Regulation of special wild 12 buffalo licenses. The department shall adopt rules 13 regulating special wild buffalo licenses. The rules shall 14 provide for:

15 (1) license drawing procedures based on a year-round16 season;

17 (2) AN ENTRY PEE FOR THE DRAWING OF A LICENSE, WHICH
18 MUST BE A MINIMUM OF \$5;

19 (2)(3) notification of license recipients as to when 20 and where they may hunt;

21 (3)(4) means of taking;

(5)(6) possession limits; and

25 +6+(7) requirements for transportation and

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1 exportation. NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. FEES USED FOR MANAGEMENT OF 2 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK WILD BUFFALO HERD, THE MONEY 3 COLLECTED FROM DRAWING AND LICENSE FEES MUST BE PLACED IN A 4 SPECIAL FUND TO MANAGE AND CONTROL THE WILD BUFFALO ENTERING 5 6 MONTANA FROM THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK HERD. NEW SECTION. Section 5. Repealer. Section 87-5-303, 7 8 MCA, is repealed. 9 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Codification instruction. Section 3 is intended to be codified as an integral part of 10 Title 87, chapter 2, part 7, and the provisions of Title 87 11 12 apply to section 3. NEW SECTION. Section 7. Effective date. This act is 13 14 effective on passage and approval.

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