HOUSE BILL NO. 770

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INTRODUCED BY REAM, YELLOWTAIL, E. SMITH, RANEY

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 as amended. Report adopted.
		Statement of Intent attached.
		Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February	22, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
		Considered correctly engrossed.
February	23, 1985	Third reading, passed.
		Transmitted to Senate.
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	IN TH	IE SENATE
March 4,	1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
March 27,	, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
		Statement of Intent amended.
March 29	, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.

April 1, 1985	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 48; Noes, 0.
	Returned to House with amendments and amended Statement of Intent.
IN	THE HOUSE
April 2, 1985	Received from Senate.
April 8, 1985	Second reading, amendments and amended Statement of Intent concurred in.
	On motion, rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.
	Third reading, amendments and amended Statement of Intent concurred in.
	Sent to enrolling.
	Reported correctly enrolled.

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2	(m) largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides);
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4	<pre>(0) pumpkinseed sunfish (Lepomis gibbosus);</pre>
5	<pre>(p) bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus);</pre>
6	<pre>(q) green sunfish (Lepomis cyanellus);</pre>
7	<pre>(r) rock bass (Ambloplites rupestris);</pre>
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23	7 and 10]. In implementing (section 5), the commission may
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1 the commission may adopt rules to authorize the control or 2 extermination by the department of introduced wildlife 3 species.

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- 17 (4) 87-5-112;
- 18 (") 87-5-205;
- 19 (6) 87-5-302; or

20 (7) Title 81, chapter 2.

21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 13. Penalty -- license and 22 permit revocation and denial. A person who violates a 23 provision of [sections 2 through 13] is guilty of a 24 misdemeanor punishable as provided in 87-1-102, and the 25 department, upon conviction of the person, shall revoke any license or permit issued by it under this title to the
 person and deny any application by the person for a license
 or permit under this title for a period not to exceed 2
 years from the date of the conviction.

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 14. Codification instruction. 6 Sections 2 through 13 are intended to be codified as an 7 integral part of Title 87, chapter 5, and the provisions of

8 Title 87 apply to sections 2 through 13.

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FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST NO. FNN 398-85

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In compliance with a written request received <u>February 11</u>, <u>19 85</u>, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for <u>House Bill 770</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:

An act to control the importation for introduction and the transplantation or introduction of wildlife.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. A current law exists which already gives the department authority to authorize importation and release of wildlife species. The authority for control of species escaping or becoming feral is unclear under the current law and is defined under the proposed statute.
- 2. The department currently spends approximately 65 days responding to requests and investigations pertaining to the current law.
- 3. Additional costs to the department would be initial costs incurred to control or exterminate a population of feral mute swan.
- 4. The long-range costs should not be significantly greater than costs under the current law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:		FY 1986			FY 1987	
State Special Revenue	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	 Differenc
Personal Services	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,912	\$ 912	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-0-
	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,912	\$ 1,912	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -0-

AFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

Not applicable

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

We do not predict any significant expenditures over current levels except to control a population of feral mute swans. Any additional costs in subsequent fiscal years would be minimal and on a case by case basis.

TECHNICAL NOTE:

None

BUDGET DIRECTOR Office of Budget and Program Planning Date:

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ON FISH AND GAME

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adopt rules approving species of wildlife that may be
 introduced by the department. In implementing [section 6],
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 extermination by the department of introduced wildlife
 species.

6 (2) The department may adopt rules to implement
7 [sections 5, 6, and 8]. In implementing [sections 5 and 6],
8 the department may not adopt rules in the subject areas
9 reserved to the commission in subsection (1).

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 12. Applicability to other 11 provisions for importation or introduction of wildlife. 12 [Sections 2 <u>THROUGH 6 AND 8</u> through 13] do not apply to the 13 importation of wildlife for the commercial pet trade or to 14 the provisions on importation or introduction of wildlife 15 contained in the following laws:

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provision of [sections 2 through 13] is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in 87-1-102, and the department, upon conviction of the person, shall revoke any license or permit issued by it under this title to the person and deny any application by the person for a license or permit under this title for a period not to exceed 2 years from the date of the conviction.

NEW SECTION. Section 14. Codification instruction.
Sections 2 through 13 are intended to be codified as an
integral part of Title 87, chapter 5, and the provisions of
Title 87 apply to sections 2 through 13.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT HOUSE BILL 770 House Fish and Game Committee

5 A statement of intent is required for this bill because 6 section ±± 10 grants rulemaking authority to both the fish 7 and game commission and the department of fish, wildlife, 8 and parks. Section ±± 10 specifies what sections each entity 9 may implement.

It is the intent of the legislature that the department 10 adopt detailed rules pertaining to the procedure for 11 accepting and processing applications for permission to 12 13 import for introduction, introduce, or transplant wildlife. The department should address information such as names of 14 applicants, species of wildlife, source of obtaining 15 16 wildlife, purpose for introducing or transplanting, benefit to the public, potential for harm, and processing fee. 17

18 It is the intent of the legislature that the commission 19 review proposals for the introduction or transplantation of 20 wildlife species in the state on a case-by-case basis. It is 21 also the intent of the legislature that the department 22 develop a plan for those applications approved by the 23 commission to assure that the population can be controlled 24 if unforeseen harm should occur.

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REFERENCE BILL HB770

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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 770
2	INTRODUCED BY REAM, YELLOWTAIL, E. SMITH, RANEY
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CONTROL THE
5	IMPORTATION FOR INTRODUCTION AND THE TRANSPLANIATION OR
6	INTRODUCTION OF WILDLIFE; AMENDING SECTION 87-3-165, MCA."
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8	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
9	Section 1. Section 87-3-105, MCA, is amended to read:
10	"B7-3-105. Unlawful introduction-of-animals to import
11	for introduction or to introduce or transplant wildlife. It
12	Except as provided in [section 12 11], it is unlawful for
13	any person to import for introduction or to transplant or
14	introduce any fishor-fish-eggs-into-any-body-of-water-in
15	the-state;-and-it-is-unlawful-for-any-persontotransplant
16	orintroduce-any-species-of-game-birds7-game-or-fur-bearing
17	animals;-or-nongeme wildlife into the state of Montana
18	withoutfirsthavingobtainedauthorizationfromthe
19	department unless done in accordance with the provisions of
20	[sections 2 through ±3 12]."
21	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Purpose. The legislature
22	finds that in order to protect the native wildlife and plant
23	species of Montana and to protect the agricultural

production of Montana, it is necessary to provide for the

control of the importation for introduction and the

1 transplantation or introduction of wildlife in the state. 2 Serious threats, known and unknown, to the well-being of native wildlife and plant species and to agricultural 3 4 production, resulting from the introduction of wildlife into 5 natural habitats, necessitate the prohibition of the importation for introduction and the transplantation or 6 introduction of wildlife into natural habitats unless it can 7 be shown that no harm will result from such transplantation 8 9 or introduction. Any importation for introduction or the transplantation or introduction permitted must be conducted 10 11 in a manner to assure that the introduced or transplanted 12 population can be controlled if harm arises from unforeseen 13 effects. NEW SECTION. Section 3. Definitions. For purposes of 14 15 [sections 2 through $\frac{13}{12}$], the following definitions apply: (1) "Feral" means the appearance in a natural habitat 16

17 of an animal that has escaped domestication and become wild.
18 (2) "Importation" means the act of bringing into the

19 state any wildlife.

20 (3) "Introduction" means the release of or attempt to
21 release, intentional or otherwise, wildlife FROM OUTSIDE THE
22 STATE into natural habitats of the state from-outside-the
23 state.

24 (4) "Natural habitat" means any area in which the25 introduction of wildlife species may result in an

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1 uncontrolled, naturally reproducing population of that 2 species becoming established.

3 (5) "Transplantation" means the release of or attempt
4 to release, intentional or otherwise, wildlife from one
5 place within the state into natural habitats in another part
6 of the state.

7 (6) "Wildlife" means any wild mammal, bird, reptile,
8 amphibian, fish, mollusk, crustacean, or other wild animal
9 or the eqg or offspring thereof.

10 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Control of importation for introduction and transplantation or introduction of 11 12 wildlife. Except as otherwise provided, the importation for introduction or the transplantation or introduction of any 13 wildlife is prohibited unless the commission determines, .14 based upon scientific investigation and after public 15 hearing, that a species of wildlife poses no threat of harm 16 to native wildlife and plants or to agricultural production 17 and that the transplantation or introduction of a species 18 has significant public benefits. 19

20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 5. Control of wildlife species 21 permitted to be transplanted or introduced. Any wildlife 22 species listed in [section i0 9] or approved by the 23 commission for introduction or transplantation may be 24 introduced or transplanted only subject to a plan developed 25 by the department to assure that the population can be

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1 controlled if any unforeseen harm should occur.

2 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Extermination or control of 3 transplanted or introduced wildlife OR FERAL species posing 4 threat. With the exception of the species listed in [section 10 9], any wildlife OR FERAL species transplanted or 5 introduced in the state may be exterminated or controlled by 6 the department if the commission, after scientific 7 8 investigation by the department and after public hearing, determines that the species poses harm to native wildlife or 9 10 plants or to agricultural production. If the threat of harm is immediate, the commission may by emergency rule, without 11 hearing, authorize the department to take immediate action 12 13 to control or exterminate a transplanted or introduced wildlife OR FERAL species. 14

NEW SECTION. Section 7. Authority for commission to 15 control importation generally of certain wildlife species. 16 17 The commission may, after public hearing, list by administrative rule wildlife species prohibited from 18 importation for captive breeding for research or commercial 19 20 purposes or for the commercial pet trade if the commission finds, based on scientific investigation, that the species, 21 22 because of behavioral traits or other biological considerations, would not be readily subject to control by 23 24 man while in captivity or that if released into natural habitat would pose a substantial threat to native wildlife 25

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1 and plants or agricultural production. NEW-SECTION---Section-8---Authority--of--department--to 2 3 control--feral--animala----The--department--may--control--or exterminate-any-feral-animal-found-posing-a-threat-to-native 4 5 wildlife-and-plants-NEW SECTION. Section 8. Consultation 6 with the departments of agriculture and livestock. The commission and 7 the department shall consult with the departments of 8 agriculture and livestock in all matters relating to the 9 control of wildlife species that may have a harmful effect 10 on agricultural production or livestock operations in the 11 state. 12 NEW SECTION. Section 9. Wildlife species authorized 13 for introduction or transplantation. (1) The following 14 wildlife species may be introduced or transplanted by the 15 department BASED UPON SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION AND UPON 16 APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION: 17 (a) gray (Hungarian) partridge (Perdix perdix); 18 (b) chukar partridge (Alectoris chukar); 19 (c) ring-necked pheasant (Phasianus colchicus); 20 (d) turkey (Meleagris gallopavo); 21 (e) rainbow trout (Salmo gairdneri); 22 (f) golden trout (Salmo aquabonita); 23

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