

HOUSE BILL 740

Introduced by Daily

2/17	Introduced
2/22	Referred to Fish & Game
2/28	Hearing
2/28	Fiscal Note Requested
3/06	Fiscal Note Received
3/08	Committee Report--Bill Not Passed as Amended
3/09	Fiscal Note Printed
3/09	Adverse Committee Report Adopted

1 *HOUSE* BILL NO. *740*  
2 INTRODUCED BY *Duffy*  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE WILDLIFE  
5 CONSERVATION LICENSE FEE BY \$1; PROVIDING THAT THE INCREASED  
6 REVENUE FROM THE FEE BE USED FOR AN ELK FEEDING PROGRAM;  
7 APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO SUPPLEMENT THE  
8 PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-202 AND 87-2-204, MCA; AND  
9 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."  
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-202, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "87-2-202. Application -- stamp attachment -- fee --  
14 expiration. (1) A wildlife conservation license shall be  
15 sold upon written application. The application shall contain  
16 the applicant's name, age, occupation, place of residence,  
17 post-office address, and length of time in the state of  
18 Montana; state whether the applicant is a citizen of the  
19 United States or an alien; and be subscribed by the  
20 applicant. The applicant shall present a driver's license or  
21 other identification to substantiate the information.

22 (2) Hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses in the form  
23 of tags or stamps issued to a holder of a wildlife  
24 conservation license must be affixed to or recorded on the  
25 wildlife conservation license according to such rules as the

1 department may prescribe.

2 (3) Resident and nonresident wildlife conservation  
3 licenses may be purchased for a fee of \$2 \$3.

4 (4) Licenses issued shall be void after the last day  
5 of February next succeeding their issuance."

6 **Section 2.** Section 87-2-204, MCA, is amended to read:

7 "87-2-204. Disposition of wildlife conservation  
8 license fees. The (1) Except as provided in subsection (2),  
9 fees from the wildlife conservation license shall be  
10 delivered to the state treasurer and deposited by him in the  
11 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department  
12 in accordance with the provisions of 87-1-601.

13 (2) The department shall use \$1 from each wildlife  
14 conservation license fee for an elk feeding program."

15 NEW SECTION. **Section 3.** Appropriation. There is  
16 appropriated to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks  
17 \$600,000 from the general fund to be used in conjunction  
18 with the revenue allocated to the department under  
19 87-2-204(2) for an elk feeding program.

20 NEW SECTION. **Section 4.** Extension of authority. Any  
21 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the  
22 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of  
23 [this act].

24 NEW SECTION. **Section 5.** Effective date. [This act] is  
25 effective on passage and approval.

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## STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB740, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

HB740 would increase the wildlife conservation license fee by \$1 and provide that the increased revenue be used for an elk feeding program; there is also a \$600,000 general fund appropriation for elk feeding and an immediate effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) will sell 380,000 conservation licenses annually.
2. Because the license year begins March 1 and conservation licenses are already being sold by license agents statewide, it is assumed that 60% of the licenses in the first year would be sold for \$2 each and the remaining 40% would be sold for \$3 each.
3. The feeding program would start in late November and continue until April 1.
4. Private groups will donate the labor necessary to feed the animals.
5. Approximately 400 license dealers in the state will be required to alter the conservation licenses in their stock to reflect the new price. There will be associated costs for the license agents, but the amount is not determinable.
6. The FWP will incur \$5,000 of expenses in FY90 to exchange the \$2 license with a \$3 license; all other expenditures are for feed.
7. The general fund appropriation will be split evenly each year of the 1991 biennium.


FISCAL IMPACT:Expenditures:

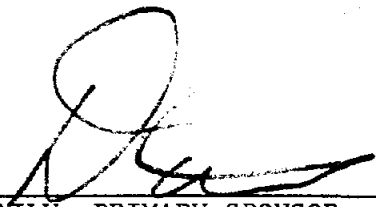
	<u>FY90</u>		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
FWP			
Operating Expenses	\$ -0-	\$452,000	\$452,000

Funding:

General Fund	\$ -0-	\$300,000	\$300,000
State Special Fees	-0-	152,000	152,000
Total	\$ -0-	\$452,000	\$452,000

	<u>FY91</u>		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$ -0-	\$680,000	\$680,000
	\$ -0-	\$300,000	\$300,000
	-0-	380,000	380,000
	\$ -0-	\$680,000	\$680,000

 3/6/89  
 RAY SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE  
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

 3/08/89  
 FRED DAILY, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

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