# SENATE BILL 48

# Introduced by Pipinich

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1	SENATE BILL NO. 48
2	INTRODUCED BY PIPINICH
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING A 10-YEAR
5	RESTRICTION TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSES FOR PERSONS
6	WHO SUCCESSFULLY HUNT CERTAIN GAME ANIMALS; AMENDING SECTION
7	87-2-702, MCA."
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10	Section 1. Section 87-2-702, MCA, is amended to read:
11	*87-2-702. Restrictions on special licenses. (1) A
12	person who has received a special permit for elk is not
13	eligible to receive a second special permit for elk during
14	any license year. However, in the event the number of
15	applications received is not equal to the number of elk
16	desired to be killed by the department, reapplication may be
17	made by those valid license holders of the current year who
18	may fall within these limitations.

- (2) A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer or an antelope, during the current license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal of the same species.
- (3) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid big

1	game	license	for	that	species	for	the	current	year	prior	to
2	apply	ing for a	a sp	ecial	permit.						

- (4) After March 27, 1987, a person may, during his 3 lifetime, lawfully take only one grizzly bear in Montana with a license authorized by 87-2-701.
- 6 (5) (a) A person who lawfully takes a mountain sheep, 7 mountain goat, bull moose, or wild buffalo under a special permit may not reapply for a permit to hunt the same species 9 for 10 years following the successful hunt. A person who 10 receives a special permit to hunt the animals listed in this 11 subsection but who is unsuccessful in taking the animal in the year the permit is drawn may reapply for a similar 12 13 permit the following year.
  - (b) Subsection (5)(a) does not apply to licenses issued by competitive bidding under 87-2-722 and 87-2-724."
- Section 2. Extension of authority. Any existing 16 17 authority to make rules on the subject of the provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of [this act].

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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 SB048, as introduced.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

SB48 amends section 87-2-702, MCA, to add a ten-year restriction to the issuance of special licenses for persons who successfully hunt a mountain sheep, mountain goat, bull moose or wild buffalo under a permit.

# **ASSUMPTIONS:**

- 1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks issues 1,700 special licenses per year which will generate 17,000 names to track over a ten-year period.
- 2. Persons who are unsuccessful will be required to return their unused tag with their next special drawing application to prove eligibility.
- 3. Ten percent of the hunters will lose their tags between hunting season and the June 1 drawing deadline.
- 4. Design and development of the computer system to monitor tag returns and applicant pool will cost \$8,500.
- 5. Operating costs will be \$6,530 per year (0.25 FTE at \$4,000 and \$2,530 for operating expenses).

FISCAL IMPACT:		FY90		FY91					
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current <u>Law</u>	Proposed Law	Difference			
Expenditures: State Special 1	\$ -0-	\$15,030	\$15,030 (\$15,530)	\$ -0-	\$ 6,530	\$ 6,530 (\$ 6,530)			

# TECHNICAL or MECHANICAL DEFECTS:

SB48 specifies that the ten-year waiting period applies to "bull" moose, but moose, sheep and goat special licenses currently are issued for either sex. As written, this legislation would allow a hunter taking a cow moose to reapply for a moose permit without a waiting period.

RAY \$HACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

BOB PIPINICH, PRIMARY SPONSOR

Fiscal Note for SB048 ,as introduced

### SB 0048/02

#### APPROVED BY COMM. ON FISH AND GAME

SENATE B	ILL	Ю.	48
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING A 18-YEAR 7-YEAR RESTRICTION TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSES FOR PERSONS WHO SUCCESSFULLY HUNT CERTAIN GAME ANIMALS; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-702, MCA."

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

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The department may not implement this bill by adopting rules that would require an unsuccessful hunter to return any unused license tags to the department or would provide for maintenance of lists of successful or unsuccessful hunters, including any maintenance of computer records on

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