

SENATE BILL 383

Introduced by Yellowtail, et al.

2/10	Introduced
2/10	Referred to Fish & Game
2/16	Hearing
2/17	Committee Report--Bill Passed
2/20	2nd Reading Passed as Amended
2/21	3rd Reading Failed

1 Sen. S. 383 BILL NO. 383
2 INTRODUCED BY Yellowtail Harold
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CHANGING THE
5 DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATE BIRD OF THE STATE OF
6 MONTANA TO THE BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE, PICA PICA; AND AMENDING
7 SECTION 1-1-504, MCA."

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9 WHEREAS, the present official state bird is shared by
10 numerous other states and has no unique qualities especially
11 significant to the state of Montana; and

12 WHEREAS, Pica pica's distinctive plumage is present in
13 each of Montana's 56 counties during each month of the year;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Pica pica, which is also referred to as the
16 "Catholic pheasant", is representative of Montana's pioneer
17 spirit with its scrappy persistence, extraordinary cunning,
18 and tenacious energy; and

19 WHEREAS, Pica pica represents both Montana's urban and
20 rural communities and can be found throughout the state's
21 rolling plains, majestic mountains, and bustling cities.

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25 "1-1-504. State bird. The bird known as the western

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2 neglecta--(Audubon)--as--preferred--by--a--referendum--vote--of
3 Montana--school--children--shall--be--designated--and--declared--to
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INTRODUCED BY YELLOWTAIL, HANNAH

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Montana-school-children,--shall-be-designated-and-declared-to
be is the-official-bird-of-the-state-of-Montana."

NEW SECTION. **SECTION 1.** STATE SCAVENGER. THE BIRD
KNOWN AS THE BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE, PICA PICA, IS THE OFFICIAL
SCAVENGER OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.

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