

SENATE BILL 26

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## 1 SENATE BILL NO. 26

2 INTRODUCED BY KENNEDY

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO COMPLETE BIG GAME  
6 LICENSE DRAWINGS AND PERMITTEE NOTIFICATIONS BY JULY 1 OF  
7 EACH YEAR; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 WHEREAS, the majority of big game seasons and bag limits  
10 vary little from year to year; and

11 WHEREAS, the current method of completing big game  
12 license drawings by the third week of August provides only a  
13 3-week planning opportunity for resident and nonresident  
14 hunters; and

15 WHEREAS, the completion of regularly scheduled big game  
16 license drawings by July 1, in a manner similar to the  
17 process used in other western states, would allow for the  
18 timely scheduling of big game hunting trips by resident and  
19 nonresident hunters.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

22 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Completion of big game  
23 drawings and permittee notifications by July 1 required. (1)  
24 The department shall complete all regularly scheduled big  
25 game license drawings and permittee notifications by July 1

1 of each year.

2 (2) Nothing in this section is intended to interfere  
3 with the authority of the commission to modify license  
4 regulations when an unforeseen event requires the alteration  
5 of big game seasons or bag limits.

6 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.  
7 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part  
8 of Title 87, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title  
9 87, chapter 2, apply to [section 1].

10 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is  
11 effective January 1, 1994.

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