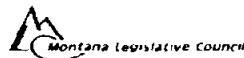


SENATE BILL 115

Introduced by Franklin, et al.

1/08	Introduced
1/08	Referred to Fish & Game
1/08	Fiscal Note Requested
1/13	Fiscal Note Received
1/16	Fiscal Note Printed
2/09	Hearing
2/09	Tabled in Committee



(4) The department shall provide for a course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and for that purpose may cooperate with any reputable organization having as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the handling of firearms. The department may designate as an instructor any person it finds to be competent to give instructions in the handling of firearms. A person appointed shall give the course of instruction and shall issue a certificate of competency in the safe handling of firearms to a person successfully completing the course.

(5) The department shall provide for a course of instruction from the national bowhunter education foundation and for that purpose may cooperate with any reputable organization having as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the handling of bow hunting tackle. The department may designate as an instructor any person it finds to be competent to give the national bowhunter education foundation instruction. A person appointed shall give the course of instruction and shall issue a certificate of completion from the national bowhunter education foundation to any person successfully completing the course.

(6) (a) A hunter safety instructor acting on behalf of the department under subsection (4) or (5) who has taught one or more hunter safety classes in 10 of the previous 11 years may request and must be granted, without charge, a

complimentary Class AAA--sportsman's license for the year in which the request is made.

(b) A hunter safety instructor acting on behalf of the department under subsection (4) or (5) who has taught one or more hunter safety classes in 20 of the previous 22 years must, upon a single request, be granted annually for life, without charge, a complimentary Class AAA--sportsman's license, to be issued each year that the instructor remains a resident of Montana. The department may require annual proof of residency.

(c) A license granted under this subsection (6) is subject to the same restrictions, except the fee requirement, as any Class AAA--sportsman's license."

Section 2. Section 87-2-711, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-711. (Temporary) Class AAA--sportsman's license.

Any resident, as defined by 87-2-102, who will be 12 years of age or older prior to September 15 of the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of the sum of \$54 beginning March 1, 1992, and \$64 beginning March 1, 1994, ~~shall--be~~ is entitled to a sportsman's license ~~which--shall~~ permit that permits the holder to exercise all rights granted to holders of Class A, A-1, A-3, A-5, A-6, and resident conservation licenses as prescribed in 87-2-202. The department shall furnish each holder of a sportsman's license an appropriate decal. The fee for a Class

1 AAA--sportsman's license is waived for a hunter safety
2 instructor who is entitled to a complimentary sportsman's
3 license under 87-2-105(6). (Terminates March 1, 1996--sec.
4 3, Ch. 319, L. 1991.)

5 87-2-711. (Effective March 1, 1996) Class
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7 87-2-102, who will be 12 years of age or older prior to
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10 sportsman's license ~~which--shall--permit~~ that permits the
11 holder to exercise all rights granted to holders of Class A,
12 A-1, A-3, A-5, A-6, and resident conservation licenses as
13 prescribed in 87-2-202. The department shall furnish each
14 holder of a sportsman's license an appropriate decal. The
15 fee for a Class AAA--sportsman's license is waived for a
16 hunter safety instructor who is entitled to a complimentary
17 sportsman's license under 87-2-105(6)."

18 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is
19 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 SB0115, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act recognizing Montana hunter safety instructors through the grant of a complimentary class AAA - sportsman license based on years of service as an instructor; waiving fees for the license; and providing an immediate effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The total number of instructors will remain at about 1,100.
2. The number of instructors that qualify for a complimentary license by teaching at least one class for 10 of the last 11 years is 507.
3. The cost of tracking, verifying and issuing yearly licenses to qualified instructors will be absorbed by the department.
4. Hunter safety instructors purchase a variety of various combinations of department licenses. For this analysis, we will assume that each instructor would purchase a sportsman license.
5. Hunter safety instructors will first request their complementary license during FY94 (March 1, 1994 - February 28, 1995). All requests for complementary licenses will be made during the first four months of the license year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenues:

Annual Loss of Revenue: \$32,448

David Lewis 1-13-93

DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

1/16/93
EVE FRANKLIN, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for SB0115, as introduced

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