# SENATE BILL 200

# Introduced by Bianchi

1/19	Introduced
1/19	Referred to Fish & Game
1/19	First Reading
1/19	Fiscal Note Requested
1/25	Fiscal Note Received
1/25	Fiscal Note Printed
1/28	Hearing
2/12	Committee ReportBill Passed
2/13	2nd Reading Passed
2/15	3rd Reading Passed
	Transmitted to House
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3/04	Hearing
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- NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is
- 23 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 SB0200, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An act allowing the hunting of wild buffalo to provide for species management on a sustained annual yield basis; providing for a special wild buffalo license; the establishment of hunting districts, seasons, license drawings and license fees; and providing for an immediate effective date.

#### ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) would receive 2,500 applications for buffalo each year.
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- 3. Based upon last year's data, 40 of the 100 buffalo would be killed for disease control and could be sold at public auction for \$600 each.
- 4. Based upon last year's data, 60 of the 100 buffalo would be taken by Native Americans at no charge.
- 5. The cost to process each application, conduct a drawing and create a roster will be \$4 per application.
- 6. FWP would use its current season setting process for the establishment of a season.
- 7. The regional staff costs associated with the 1991-92 buffalo control actions were \$55,000. It is estimated that an additional \$20,000 will be necessary as a result of increased public attention to the hunt.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

## Expenditures:

		FY '94		FY '95			
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Buffalo Management Costs	<u>55,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	20,000	<u>55,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	20,000	
Total	55,000	85,000	30,000	55,000	85,000	30,000	
Revenues:							
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Net Impact:							
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DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
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- 18 (g) wild buffalo--resident, \$100; nonresident, \$500.
- 19 (2) In the event a holder of a valid special grizzly
  20 bear license kills a grizzly bear, he the licensee shall
  21 purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$25 within 10 days
  22 after date of kill. The trophy license authorizes the holder
  23 to possess and transport the trophy.
- 24 (3) Special licenses must be issued in a manner 25 prescribed by the department. (Terminates March 1,

- 1996--sec. 3, Ch. 319, L. 1991.)
- 2 87-2-701. (Effective March 1, 1996) Special licenses.
- 3 (1) Any applicant who will be 12 years of age or older prior
- 4 to September 15 of the season for which the license is
- 5 issued and is the holder of a resident wildlife conservation
- 6 license or a nonresident wildlife conservation license may
- 7 apply for a special license which, in the judgment of the
- department, is to be issued and shall pay the following fees
  - therefor:

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- (a) moose--resident, \$75; nonresident, \$455;
- 11 (b) mountain goat--resident, \$75; nonresident, \$455;
- 12 (c) mountain sheep--resident, \$75; nonresident, \$455;
- 13 (d) antelope--resident, \$11; nonresident, \$130;
- 14 (e) grizzly bear--resident, \$50; nonresident, \$300;
- 15 (f) black or brown bear--nonresident, \$100;
- 16 (g) wild buffalo--resident, \$100; nonresident, \$500.
- 17 (2) In the event a holder of a valid special grizzly
- 18 bear license kills a grizzly bear, he the licensee shall
- 19 purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$25 within 10 days
- 20 after date of kill. The trophy license authorizes the holder
- 21 to possess and transport the trophy.
- 22 (3) Special licenses must be issued in a manner
- 23 prescribed by the department.
- 24 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.
- 25 [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part

- of Title 87, chapter 2, part 7, and the provisions of Title
- 2 87, chapter 2, part 7, apply to [section 2].
- 3 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is
- effective on-passage-and-approval APRIL 1, 1995.

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