

House BILL NO. 94

INTRODUCED BY

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FROM THE 10-MILE LOCATION RESTRICTION FOR A SHOOTING PRESERVE ESTABLISHED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PRACTICE OF FALCONRY HUNTING BY THE DISABLED; AMENDING SECTION 87-4-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 87-4-502, MCA, is amended to read:

**"87-4-502. Size, location, and posting of preserves.** Operating licenses or permits may be issued to any person, partnership, association, or corporation for the operation of shooting preserves that meet the following requirements hereinafter prescribed:

(1) ~~Each~~ A shooting preserve ~~shall be restricted to~~ may not be more than 1,280 contiguous acres, ~~and shall~~ may not be located closer than 10 miles from another preserve, and must be located in areas ~~which~~ that will not substantially reduce hunting areas available to the public as determined by the department. The 10-mile location restriction in this subsection does not apply to a shooting preserve established exclusively for the practice of falconry hunting by the disabled.

(2) The exterior boundaries of each shooting preserve ~~shall~~ must be clearly defined and posted with signs erected around the extremity at intervals of 250 feet or less."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0094, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:


An act providing an exception from the 10-mile location restriction for a shooting preserve established exclusively for the practice of falconry hunting by the disabled.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are 54 licensed shooting preserves in Montana.
2. There are 74 licensed falconers in Montana.
3. Shooting preserves pay an annual license fee of approximately \$100.
4. Two additional shooting preserves will be licensed under this exception per year.
5. Any additional operating expenses for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) will be absorbed within existing authority.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Licensing of two additional shooting preserves will generate \$200 per year to be deposited in the FWP general license state special revenue account.

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

  
MATT BRAINARD, PRIMARY SPONSOR      DATE

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