

House BILL NO. 391

INTRODUCED BY

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT A SHOOTING PRESERVE BE LOCATED AT LEAST 40 MILES FROM ANOTHER SHOOTING PRESERVE; 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~~ An operating license or permit may be issued to ~~any~~ a person, partnership, association, or corporation for the operation of a shooting ~~preserves~~ preserve that ~~meet~~ meets the following requirements ~~hereinafter prescribed~~:

(1) ~~Each~~ A shooting preserve ~~shall be~~ is restricted to not more than 1,280 contiguous acres and ~~shall~~ may not be located closer than 10 miles from another preserve and must be in areas ~~which~~ that will not substantially reduce hunting areas available to the public, as determined by the department, except that a shooting preserve licensed after [the effective date of this act] may not be located closer than 40 miles from another preserve.

(2) The exterior boundaries of ~~each~~ a 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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