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INTRODUCED BY House BILL NO. 433
Bradley Paul Lynch

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GRANTING THE FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE SPECIAL LICENSES OR PERMITS, SEASONS, CONDITIONS, OR PROGRAMS FOR HUNTING BY MONTANA'S YOUTH; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-1-301, MCA."

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0433, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

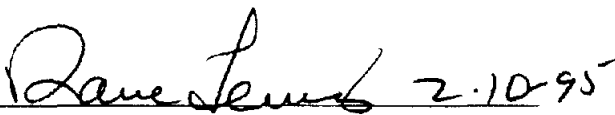
An act granting the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission the authority to designate special licenses or permits, seasons, conditions or programs for hunting by Montana's youth.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The commission will, at its discretion, adopt rules regarding the establishment of special youth licenses or permits, seasons, conditions, or programs to encourage Montana hunting heritage.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.



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



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