1 SULE HOUSE BILL NO. 600

BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

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6	NEW SECTION. Section 10. Termination. [Sections 1 and 3] terminate June 30, 2002.
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# STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

## Fiscal Note for HB0600, as introduced

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing flexibility for funding the state's recreation boating safety program by allowing the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to contract with counties to implement parts of the program; reducing from 25 percent to 20 percent the amount of the boat fee in lieu of tax that may be used for improving regional boating facilities and allocating that amount for an additional 7 years; delaying the termination of the boating advisory council for 7 years; allowing the boating advisory council to advise the department on the expenditure of all funds in the motorboat account and to be reimbursed for costs from the motorboat account; revising the fine for failure to pay the boat fee in lieu of tax; removing Lambeth State Park from the list of primitive parks in order to allow road and facility improvements at the park; adding Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park to the list of primitive parks; and providing an effective date and termination date.

#### ASSUMPTIONS:

- This legislation will authorize the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to contract with counties for boating safety administration and enforcement and to continue both the allocation for regional boating facilities and the Boating Advisory Council for an additional seven years, terminating on June 30, 2002.
- Participation in the cooperative boat safety program will be at the discretion of the individual counties; therefore, the number of counties that will be participating in the program is unknown at this time.
- Twenty percent of all fees in lieu of taxes collected will go to the FWP motorboat 3. special revenue account.
- At the time the fee in lieu of tax is collected, the payor will continue to designate the FWP region in which the majority of the payor's boating activities take place. FWP upon receipt will earmark the funds for use in the appropriate designated areas.
- 5. FWP will use the fees deposited in the motorboat special revenue account as a one-toone match with federal Coast Guard funds.
- All costs associated with the Boating Advisory Council must be paid from the motorboat 6. special revenue account; however, council members are not entitled to compensation or travel expense reimbursement.
- Total boat fees in lieu of taxes collected in FY96 and FY97 will be the same as actual 7. FY94. Revenues to be collected and deposited in the motorboat special revenue account are projected to be \$148,000 each year.
- Fine revenues are projected to decrease by twenty percent each year of the biennium, 8. or approximately \$1,400 per year.
- No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of the change in primitive park status for 9. Lambeth (Lake Mary Ronan) and Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Parks.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY96	FY97
****	Difference	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:		
Motorboat Account (02)	148,000	148,000
Fines (02)	(1,400)	(1,400)
Total	146,600	146,600

# EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

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## LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This legislation will redirect 20% of the fees in lieu of taxes for a seven year period ending on June 30, 2002. The redirected funds will be made available to individual counties for regional boating facility improvements which will provide long term public benefits.

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  - (2) The boating advisory council must be composed of <u>at least</u> five members of the public, each of whom must be interested in boating activities and the use of public boating facilities.



1	(3) The boating advisory council is attached to the department in an advisory capacity only, as
2	defined in 2-15-102(8).
3	(4) All costs associated with the boating advisory council must be paid from the fees collected
4	under 23-2-518(2) motorboat account in the state special revenue fund. Council members are not entitled
5	to compensation or travel expenses as provided in 2-15-122. (Terminates July 1, 1995 2002 see. 6, Ch.
6	<del>511, L. 1993</del> .) "
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8	Section 6. Section 23-1-116, MCA, is amended to read:
9	"23-1-116. Primitive parks established. Because of their unique and primarily undeveloped
10	character, the following state parks and management areas are designated as primitive parks and are
11	subject to the provisions of 23-1-115 through 23-1-118:
12	(1) Lambeth (Lake Mary Ronan) Greveliff Prairie Dog Town state park BIG PINE MANAGEMENT
13	AREA;
14	(2) Thompson Falls state park;
15	(3) Wild Horse Island state park;
16	(4) Lost Creek state park;
17	(5) Painted Rocks state park;
18	(6) Ackley Lake state park;
19	(7) sluice boxes state park;
20	(8) Deadman's basin state park;
21	(9) Pirogue Island state park;
22	(10) Medicine Rocks state park;
23	(11) Headwaters state park;
24	(12) Council Grove state park;
25	(13) Beaverhead Rock state park;
26	(14) Natural Bridge state park; and
27	(15) Madison Buffalo Jump state park."
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29	NEW SECTION. Section 7. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an



integral part of Title 23, chapter 2, part 5, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 2, part 5, apply to

1	(section 1).
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3	NEW SECTION. Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is effective June 30, 1995.
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5	Section 9. Section 6, Chapter 511, Laws of 1993, is amended to read:
6	"Section 6. Termination. [This act] terminates June 30, 1995 2002."
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8	NEW SECTION. Section 10. Termination. [Sections 1 and 3] terminate June 30, 2002.
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