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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING RELIEF FOR RESIDENT HUNTERS BY REVISING THE SYSTEM OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS THROUGH A PROVISION THAT NONRESIDENTS MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SPECIAL PERMITS FOR EACH GENDER OF ANY SPECIES; REDUCING FROM 2,300 TO 2,000 THE NUMBER OF RESERVED CLASS B-11 LICENSES THAT MAY BE SOLD BY VARIABLE PRICING IN ANY 1 LICENSE YEAR AND LIMITING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AVAILABLE RESERVED VARIABLE PRICED LICENSES; PROVIDING THAT SPECIAL PERMITS MUST BE ISSUED ON A DISTRICT BASIS RATHER THAN ON A REGIONAL BASIS; PROHIBITING A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A SPECIAL ELK PERMIT IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS FROM APPLYING FOR A SIMILAR PERMIT IN ANY DESIGNATED AREA FOR 5 YEARS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-268, 87-2-506, 87-2-702, AND 87-2-704, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 87-1-268, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-1-268. (Temporary) Variable pricing of outfitter-sponsored Class B-10 and B-11 licenses. The commission shall annually set fees for outfitter-sponsored Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses allowed under 87-2-505 and 87-2-510. The fees must be set at a market rate intended to sell as close to but not more than an average of 5,500 Class B-10 licenses and 2,300 Z,000 Class B-11 licenses each year, calculated over a 5 year period. The sale period for the licenses must be established so that by the last date in the established period, those licenses that are unsold, up to 5,500 Class B-10 licenses and 2,300 Class B-11 licenses, may be reallocated by the commission for a drawing at a price set by the commission. (Terminates October 1, 2001--sec. 18, Ch. 459, L. 1995.)"

Section 2. Section 87-2-506, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-506. Restrictions on hunting licenses. (1) The department may prescribe by rule the number of hunting licenses to be issued. Any license sold may be restricted to a specific administrative region, hunting district, or other designated area and may specify the species, age, and sex to be taken and the





time period for which the license is valid.

(2) (a) When Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), when the number of valid resident applications for big game licenses or permits of a single class or type exceeds the number of licenses or permits that the department desires to issue in an administrative region, hunting district, or other designated area, then the number of big game licenses or permits issued to nonresident license holders or permit holders permitholders in the region, district, or area may not exceed 10% of the total issued.

(b) In the case of special permits that are initially offered through a drawing, the number that may be issued at any time to nonresident permitholders in any administrative region, hunting district, or other designated area may not exceed 10% of the total issued for each gender of any species to be hunted. Residents must have ample opportunity to purchase any surplus licenses remaining after the drawing before surplus licenses may be offered for sale to nonresidents."

Section 3. Section 87-2-702, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-702. Restrictions on special licenses. (1) A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer or an antelope, during the current license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal of the same species.

- (2) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid big game license for that species for the current year prior to applying for a special permit.
- (3) Special permits authorized by this chapter must be issued on a district basis rather than on a regional basis.
- (4) After March 27, 1987, a A person may lawfully take only one grizzly bear in Montana with a license authorized by 87-2-701.
- (4)(5) (a) A person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or limited mountain sheep license, with the exception of an adult ewe license, as authorized by 87-2-701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (a), "limited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is restricted.
- (b) A person who takes a mountain sheep using an unlimited mountain sheep license, with the exception of a mountain sheep taken pursuant to an adult ewe license, as authorized by 87-2-701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (b), "unlimited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the



1	number of licenses issued is not restricted."
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3	Section 4. Section 87-2-704, MCA, is amended to read:
4	"87-2-704. Regulation of special elk permits. (1) The department may:
5	(a) provide for the refund of resident elk tag license fees to persons applying for special elk permits
6	in hunting districts where there is no general elk hunting and set time limits and describe area restrictions;
7	and
8	(b) designate special elk permit areas where priority will be given to applicants who have not held
9	special elk permits for a period of years to be determined by the department.
10	(2) The department shall provide that a person who is issued a special elk permit to hunt antlerless
11	elk during the regular hunting season is:
12	(a) limited to the hunting and taking of only an antlerless elk in the hunting district or portion of
13	a hunting district where the permit is valid; and
14	(b) entitled to the general elk hunting privileges for a holder of a Class A-5 license in all other
15	hunting districts.
16	(3) The fee for a special elk permit is \$2 beginning March 1, 1992, and \$3 beginning March 1,
17	<del>199</del> 4.
18	(4) The department shall annually determine, based on the previous year's license applications, in
19	which hunting districts the odds of an applicant drawing a special elk permit are greater than 15 to 1. Those
20	hunting districts must be designated as "golden areas" on the department's hunting map. A person who
21	receives a special elk permit for a hunting district designated as a golden area under the provisions of this
22	subsection may not apply for another special elk permit for any golden area for the next 5 years.
23	(5) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this section."
24	-END-



### STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

### Fiscal Note for HB0265, as introduced

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing relief for resident hunters by revising the system of issuance of special permits issued by the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks through a provision that nonresidents may not receive more than 10% of the total special permits for each gender of any species; reducing from 2,300 to 2,000 the number of reserved B-11 licenses that may be sold by variable pricing in any one license year and limiting the total number of available reserved variable priced licenses; providing that special permits must be issued on a district basis rather than on a regional basis; and prohibiting a person who receives a special elk permit in certain designated areas from applying for a similar permit in any designated area for 5 years.

### ASSUMPTIONS:

- The 10% limitation on nonresident permits applies to moose, goat, sheep, antelope and elk.
- 2. Revenue is projected based on license year 1996 license information and is the difference between what was received and what the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) would receive under the proposed changes. Revenues will vary based on quotas set.
- 3. FWP will be able to issue all licenses to residents that formerly were issued to nonresidents.
- 4. Since FWP oversold the outfitter sponsored B-11 license in license year 1996, the revised goal is to sell 2,100 outfitter sponsored B-11 licenses. The license year 1997 price is \$675.
- 5. FWP receives 71,000 applications for elk permits each year. This number will not change due to the new recruitment of applicants.
- 6. FWP will make one-time computer changes and have ongoing records, hunter notification and management costs.
- 7. FWP will need a 1.00 FTE administrative support, grade 8, to assist in reviewing applications, notifying applicants and maintaining proper records.
- The number of outfitter-sponsored hunts will be reduced.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

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	FY98	FY99		
	Difference	Difference		
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	20,500	20,500		
Computer programming	22,000	0		
Postage	19,170	0		
Operating Expenditures	4,550	<u>10,550</u>		
Total	66,220	31,050		
Revenues:				
Outfitter sponsored B-11 rev.	(67,500)	(67,500)		
Special permit license rev.	(381,800)	(381,800)		
Total	(449,300)	(449,300)		
New Impact on Fund Balance: (Revenue minus expense)				
General License (02)	(515,520)	(480,350)		

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

BRAD MOLNAR, PRIMARY SPONSOR

DATE

Fiscal Note Request, <u>HB0265</u>, <u>as introduced</u> Page 2 (continued)

# TECHNICAL NOTES:

- 1. It is not clear if the 10% restriction applies to all licenses sold under chapter two or just those issued through a drawing.
- 2. It is not clear if the 10% restriction is to be applied only on a district basis or if it can be applied to any administrative region, hunting district or other designated area.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 265 2 INTRODUCED BY MOLNAR, PROUSE, MCGEE, MILLER 3 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING RELIEF FOR RESIDENT HUNTERS BY REVISING THE SYSTEM OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND 5 PARKS THROUGH A PROVISION THAT NONRESIDENTS MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN 10 PERCENT 6 7 OF THE TOTAL SPECIAL PERMITS FOR EACH GENDER OF ANY SPECIES; REDUCING FROM 2,300 TO 8 2,000 THE NUMBER OF RESERVED CLASS B 11 LICENSES THAT MAY BE SOLD BY VARIABLE PRICING 9 IN ANY 1 LICENSE YEAR AND LIMITING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AVAILABLE RESERVED VARIABLE 10 PRICED LICENSES; PROVIDING THAT SPECIAL PERMITS MUST BE ISSUED ON A DISTRICT BASIS RATHER THAN ON A REGIONAL BASIS: PROHIBITING A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A SPECIAL FLK PERMIT 11 12 IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS FROM APPLYING FOR A SIMILAR PERMIT IN ANY DESIGNATED AREA 13 FOR 5 YEARS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-268, 87-2-506, 87-2-702, AND SECTION 87-2-704, 14 MCA." 15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 16 17 Section 1. Section 87-1-268, MCA, is amended to read: 18 19 "87-1-268. (Temporary) Variable pricing of outfitter-sponsored Class B-10 and B-11 licenses. The commission shall annually set fees for outfitter sponsored Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses allowed under 20 21 87 2 505 and 87 2 510. The fees must be set at a market rate intended to sell as close to but not more 22 than an average of 5,500 Class B-10 licenses and 2,300 2,000 Class B-11 licenses each year, calculated 23 over a 5 year period. The sale period for the licenses must be established so that by the last date in the established period, those licenses that are unsold, up to 5,500 Class B-10 licenses and 2,300 2,000 Class 24

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## Section 2. Section 87 2 506, MCA, is amended to read:

(Terminates October 1, 2001 sec. 18, Ch. 459, L. 1995.)"

"87-2-506. Restrictions on hunting licenses. (1) The department may prescribe by rule the number of hunting licenses to be issued. Any license sold may be restricted to a specific administrative region.

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(b) In the case of special permits that are initially offered through a drawing, the number that may be issued at any time to nonresident permitholders in any administrative region, hunting district, or other designated area may not exceed 10% of the total issued for each gender of any species to be hunted. Residents must have ample opportunity to purchase any surplus licenses remaining after the drawing before surplus licenses may be offered for sale to nonresidents."

### Section 3. Section 87 2 702, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-702. Restrictions on special licenses. (1) A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer or an antelope, during the current license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal of the same species.

(2) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid big game license for that species for the current year prior to applying for a special permit.

(3) Special permits authorized by this chapter must be issued on a district basis rather than on a regional basis.

(4) After March 27, 1987, a Δ person may lawfully take only one grizzly bear in Montana with a license authorized by 87-2-701.

(4)(5)—(a) A person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or limited mountain sheep license, with the exception of an adult ewe license, as authorized by 87–2–701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (a), "limited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is restricted.

(b) A person who takes a mountain sheep using an unlimited mountain sheep license, with the exception of a mountain sheep taken pursuant to an adult owe license, as authorized by 87 2-701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this

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1	subsection (b), "unlimited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the		
2	number of licenses issued is not restricted."		
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4	Section 1. Section 87-2-704, MCA, is amended to read:		
5	"87-2-704. Regulation of special elk permits. (1) The department may:		
6	(a) provide for the refund of resident elk tag license fees to persons applying for special elk permits		
7	in hunting districts where there is no general elk hunting and set time limits and describe area restrictions		
8	and		
9	(b) designate special elk permit areas where priority will be given to applicants who have not held		
10	special elk permits for a period of years to be determined by the department.		
11	(2) The department shall provide that a person who is issued a special elk permit to hunt antierless		
12	elk during the regular hunting season is:		
13	(a) limited to the hunting and taking of only an antlerless elk in the hunting district or portion of		
14	a hunting district where the permit is valid; and		
15	(b) entitled to the general elk hunting privileges for a holder of a Class A-5 license in all other		
16	hunting districts.		
17	(3) The fee for a special elk permit is <del>\$2-beginning March 1, 1992, and</del> \$3 <del>beginning March 1,</del>		
18	<del>1994</del> .		
19	(4) The department shall annually determine, based on the previous year's license applications, in		
20	which hunting districts the odds of an applicant drawing a special elk permit are greater than 15 to 1. Those		
21	hunting districts must be designated as "golden areas" on the department's hunting map, A person who		
22	receives a special elk permit for a hunting district designated as a golden area under the provisions of this		
23	subsection may not apply for another special elk permit for any golden area for the next 5 years. THIS		
24	SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO A LANDOWNER PREFERENCE.		
25	(5) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this section."		



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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 265
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING RELIEF FOR RESIDENT HUNTERS BY REVISING THE
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22	than an average of 5,500 Class B 10 licenses and 2,300 2,000 Class B 11 licenses each year, calculated
23	ever a 5 year period. The sale period for the licenses must be established so that by the last date in the
24	established period, those licenses that are unsold, up to 5,500 Class B 10 licenses and 2,300 2,000 Class
25	B-11 licenses, may be reallocated by the commission for a drawing at a price set by the commission.
26	(Terminates October 1, 2001 see. 18, Ch. 458, L. 1995.)"
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"87 2 702. Restrictions on special licenses. (1) A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer or an antelope, during the current license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal of the same species.

- (2) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid big game license for that species for the current year prior to applying for a special permit.
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(b) A person-who takes a mountain sheep using an unlimited mountain sheep license, with the exception of a mountain sheep taken pursuant to an adult owe license, as authorized by 87-2-701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this

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5	"87-2-704. Regulation of special elk permits. (1) The department may:		
6	(a) provide for the refund of resident elk tag license fees to persons applying for special elk permits		
7	in hunting districts where there is no general elk hunting and set time limits and describe area restrictions		
8	and		
9	(b) designate special elk permit areas where priority will be given to applicants who have not held		
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16	hunting districts.		
17	(3) The fee for a special elk permit is <del>\$2 beginning March 1, 1992, and</del> \$3 <del>beginning March 1</del>		
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23	subsection may not apply for another special elk permit for any golden area for the next 5 years. THIS		
24	SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO A LANDOWNER PREFERENCE.		
25	(5) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this section."		
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### STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

# Fiscal Note for HB0265, third reading

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill for an act prohibiting a person who receives a special elk permit in certain designated areas from applying for a similar permit in any designated area for 5 years.

#### ASSUMPTIONS:

### Department of Commerce, POL Bureau/Board of Outfitters:

 The number of outfitter-sponsored hunts will decrease, but the passage of this bill will have no impact on the current operations of the Board of Outfitters.

## Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks:

- The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) receives 71,000 applications for elk permits each year. This number will not change due to the new recruitment of applicants.
- FWP will make one-time computer changes and have ongoing records, hunter notification and management costs.
- 4. A 0.50 FTE clerical staff grade 8 would be needed to assist in reviewing applications, notifying applicants and maintaining proper records.

# FISCAL IMPACT:

# Expenditures:

### Department of Commerce, POL Bureau/Board of Outfitters:

No discernible fiscal impact.

	FY98	FY99
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks:	Difference	Difference
FTE	0.50	0.50
Personal Services	10,250	10,250
Computer programming	12,000	0
Postage	19,170	0
Operating Expenses	O	<u>6,000</u>
Total	41,420	16,250
Funding:		
General License Account (02)	41,420	16,250
New Impact on Fund Balance: (Revenue minus	expense)	
General License (02)	(41,420)	(16,250)

# TECHNICAL NOTES:

It is not clear how FWP would handle a landowner claiming preference who receives a permit outside of the preference phase of the drawings.

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

BRAD MOLNAR, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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