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 3 *Beaudry* *Hallegan* *Shea* *Squires* *Mendenhall*  
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0289, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing for a four-day free fishing permit for members of the Legion of Valor participating in a convention in Montana from August 27, 1997, to August 31, 1997.

ASSUMPTIONS:


1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) would issue five free fishing permits to the five members of the Legion of Valor who reside in Montana. A resident fishing license sells for \$13.00.
2. FWP would also issue up to 795 four-day free fishing permits to the 795 members of the Legion of Valor who live outside of Montana if they all attend the convention.
3. The four-day free fishing permit would be equivalent to two FWP current non-resident two-day fishing licenses that sell for \$10.00 for each two-day fishing license.
4. A prerequisite for both the resident and the nonresident fishing licenses is the conservation license. A resident conservation license is \$4.00 and a non-resident conservation license is \$5.00.
5. FWP is unable to determine how many members of the Legion of Valor currently have fishing licenses or would have purchased fishing licenses when they came to Montana, but if all the members were to purchase appropriate fishing and conservation licenses, the revenue generated from these licenses would be \$19,960.

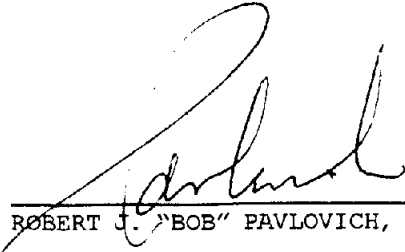
FISCAL IMPACT:

FWP is unable to determine fiscal impact, but the maximum potential loss of license revenue is \$19,960.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

There are no long-range effects, but a precedent could be set for the issuance of future free licenses for other groups.

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

  
ROBERT J. "BOB" PAVLOVICH, PRIMARY SPONSOR      DATE

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