

SENATE BILL NO. 52

INTRODUCED BY CRISMORE

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMISSION TO ALLOW AND REGULATE MOUNTAIN LION AND BOBCAT CHASE SEASONS; AMENDING SECTION 87-3-124, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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(b) A person may take game birds during the appropriate open season with the aid of a dog or dogs. Any person or association organized for the protection of game may run field trials at any time upon obtaining written permission from the director.

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NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Clarifying authority for the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission to allow and regulate the mountain lion and bobcat chase season.

ASSUMPTIONS:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

Dave Lewis 1-7-97

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

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