

## Agency Proposal for Legislation for the 2017 Legislative Session

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1. What is the problem or issue?

The vertebrate pest management statutes do not reflect current needs.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

The legislation as proposed will repeal the vertebrate pest management advisory council, which has not been active in more than 20 years; repeal the unnecessary requirement for the rodenticide fund; repeal the department purchase and sale of vertebrate pest management supplies; and update the definition of vertebrate pests and nuisance birds in order to cover pests that the department is dealing with which are not included in the current definition.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

Amend 80-4-1101, MCA and repeal 80-7-1103, 80-7-1104, and 80-7-1105, MCA.

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose (e.g., an increase in or both)?

This proposed legislation does not require additional funding.

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

No.