

House Bill 34  
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Senate Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Jeff Hagener, Director, of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

FWP supports HB 34 which would allow non-residents to purchase a reduced-priced nonresident (NR) turkey license if they already possess a nonresident hunting license for upland game birds.

Previous legislation separated the license requirements for turkey hunting and upland game bird hunting by nonresidents. This was done when the cost of the nonresident upland game bird license was raised from \$55 to \$110, as a means of limiting the numbers of nonresident upland game bird hunters. The cost of a turkey license was raised from \$13 to \$115 since the prerequisite of the upland game bird license was no longer required.

FWP views this proposed legislation as an effort to deal more fairly with licensing requirements. For those nonresidents who already have purchased the nonresident game bird license (B1) or have acquired a nonresident game bird license via the NR big game combination license (B-10) or the NR deer combination license (B-11), the NR turkey license could be purchased at the reduced rate. If a nonresident were only interested in turkey hunting, they would still be required to pay the full price for the nonresident turkey license.