

1 SENATE BILL NO. 44

2 INTRODUCED BY L. LARSON

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

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A 2006 RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIVATE
6 LAND/PUBLIC WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL BY ADDING WILD BUFFALO OR BISON, ANTELOPE, AND
7 MOUNTAIN LION TO THE LIST OF BIG GAME LICENSES THAT THE FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS
8 COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THROUGH AN ANNUAL LOTTERY; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-271, MCA; AND
9 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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13 **Section 1.** Section 87-1-271, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"87-1-271. Annual lottery of hunting licenses -- proceeds dedicated to hunting access**
15 **enhancement.** (1) The commission may issue through a lottery one license each year for each of the following:

- 16 (a) deer;
17 (b) elk;
18 (c) shiras moose;
19 (d) mountain sheep; ~~and~~
20 (e) mountain goat;
21 (f) wild buffalo or bison;
22 (g) antelope; and
23 (h) mountain lion.

24 (2) The restriction in 87-2-702(4) that a person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or mountain sheep
25 special license is not eligible to receive another license for that species for the next 7 years does not apply to a
26 person who receives a license through a lottery conducted pursuant to this section.

- 27 (3) The commission shall establish rules regarding:
28 (a) the conduct of the lottery authorized in this section;
29 (b) the use of licenses issued through the lottery; and
30 (c) the price of lottery tickets.

1 (4) All proceeds from a lottery conducted pursuant to this section must be used by the department for
2 hunting access enhancement programs and law enforcement."

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

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