



AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC WHEN INTRODUCING OR TRANSPLANTING WOLVES, BEARS, AND MOUNTAIN LIONS ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROHIBITING THE TRANSPLANTATION OF ANY ANIMAL ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Notification of transplantation or introduction of wildlife.** (1) When the decision to introduce or transplant a wolf, bear, or mountain lion is made pursuant to this part, the department shall:

(a) provide public notice on its website and, when practical, by personal contact in the general area where the animal is released; and

(b) notify the public through print and broadcast media of the availability of release information on the department's website.

(2) Prior permission from the landowner is required before any animal may be transplanted onto private property.

**Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 5, part 7, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 5, part 7, apply to [section 1].

**Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0203, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY MILLER, BEAN, BLASDEL, BUTCHER, RANDALL, K. PETERSON

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