

EXHIBIT 2
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Amendments to House Bill No. 576
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Requested by Representative Bill Harris

For the House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 4.
Following: "PREDATORS"
Insert: "IN CERTAIN AREAS"

2. Title, page 1, line 5.
Following: "LICENSES"
Insert: "IN CERTAIN AREAS"

3. Title, page 1, line 5 through line 6.
Strike: "40-5-701," on line 5 through "87-1-111," on line 6

4. Title, page 1, line 6.
Strike: "87-1-242, 87-1-271,"
Strike: "87-2-702,"

5. Title, page 1, line 7.
Strike: "REPEALING" through "MCA;"

6. Title, page 1, line 8.
Following: "DATE"
Insert: "AND A TERMINATION DATE"

7. Page 1.
Following: line 10
Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Mountain lion management -- legislative findings.** (1) (a) The legislature finds that an overpopulation of mountain lions in central and eastern Montana has an unacceptable impact on ungulate populations in those areas and has resulted in a loss of livestock and a significant economic impact to livestock producers. Therefore, the legislature finds it necessary to declare mountain lions predatory animals in the portion of Montana that lies east of the western boundaries of Liberty, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and Carbon counties. Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), the taking of mountain lions in this area is not subject to any regulation by the department or commission.
(b) A person may not hunt mountain lions in the area described in subsection (1)(a) with a dog or dogs during any open season for deer, elk, or antelope.
(2) The legislature declares mountain lions in counties west

of the boundaries listed in subsection (1) to be game animals that are subject to regulation by the department and commission in accordance with this title and rules adopted under this title."

Renumber: subsequent sections

8. Page 1, line 12 through page 8, line 15.

Strike: section 1 through section 3 in their entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

9. Page 8, line 26.

Following: "~~tions,~~"

Insert: "mountain lions, as provided in [section 1(2)],"

10. Page 9, line 5 through page 11, line 13.

Strike: section 5 through section 6 in their entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

11. Page 13.

Following: line 12

Insert: " (6) (a) Except as provided in [section 1(1)], the commission may adopt rules to:

(i) limit the number of nonresident mountain lion hunters in designated hunting districts; and

(ii) determine the conditions under which nonresidents may hunt mountain lion in designated hunting districts.

(b) The commission shall consider, but is not limited to consideration of, the following factors:

(i) harvest of lions by resident and nonresident hunters;

(ii) history of quota overruns;

(iii) composition, including age and sex, of the lion harvest;

(iv) historical outfitter use;

(v) conflicts among hunter groups;

(vi) availability of public and private lands; and

(vii) whether restrictions on nonresident hunters are more appropriate than restrictions on all hunters."

12. Page 13, line 19.

Following: "~~lion,~~"

Insert: "mountain lion, as provided in [section 1(2)],"

13. Page 15, line 10.

Following: "~~lion,~~"

Insert: "mountain lion, as provided in [section 1(2)],"

14. Page 15, line 30.

Following: "lion,"

Insert: "as provided in [section 1(1)],"

15. Page 16.

Following: line 7

Insert: "Section 6. Section 87-2-507, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-507. **Class D-1--nonresident mountain lion license.**

Except as otherwise provided in [section 1(1)] and this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of a fee of \$320 may receive a Class D-1 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt mountain lion and possess the carcass of the mountain lion as authorized by department rules. If a holder of a valid mountain lion license under this section kills a mountain lion, the licensee shall purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$50 within 10 days after the date of kill. The trophy license authorizes the holder to possess and transport the trophy."

{ Internal References to 87-2-507:

40-5-701 x }

Insert: "Section 7. Section 87-2-508, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-508. **Class D-2--resident mountain lion license.**

Except as otherwise provided in [section 1(1)] and this chapter, a person who is a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of a fee of \$19, may receive a Class D-2 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt mountain lion and possess the carcass of the mountain lion as authorized by department rules. If a holder of a valid mountain lion license under this section kills a mountain lion, the licensee shall purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$50 within 10 days after the date of kill. The trophy license authorizes the holder to possess and transport the trophy."

{ Internal References to 87-2-508:

40-5-701x }

Renumber: subsequent sections

16. Page 16, line 10.

Following: "license."

Insert: "(1)"

Strike: "A"

Insert: "Except as provided in subsection (2), a"

17. Page 16.

Following: line 14

Insert: "(2) A Class D-3 hound training license is not required to pursue mountain lions pursuant to [section 1(1)]."

18. Page 16, line 16 through page 17, line 14.

Strike: section 11 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

19. Page 17, line 17.

Following: "or"

Insert: "mountain lion or"

20. Page 17, line 18.

Following: "provided in"

Insert: "[section 1(1)] and"

21. Page 17, line 26.

Following: "or"

Insert: "mountain lion or"

22. Page 19, line 11.

Following: "~~dogs.~~"

Insert: "A person may hunt during a winter open season established by the commission for mountain lions described in [section 1(2)] with the aid of a dog or dogs."

23. Page 19, line 12.

Following: "~~(b)~~"

Insert: "(b)"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

24. Page 19, line 15.

Following: "and"

Insert: "mountain lions and"

25. Page 19, line 22.

Following: "deadfall."

Insert: "This subsection does not restrict a person's ability to take a mountain lion as provided in [section 1(1)]."

26. Page 19, line 30.

Following: "~~lion~~"

Insert: "or mountain lion"

27. Page 20, line 26 through line 29.

Strike: section 16 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

28. Page 20.

Following: line 29

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 13. {standard} Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 1]."

Renumber: subsequent sections

29. Page 21.

Following: line 1

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 14. {standard} Termination.

[This act] terminates on February 28, 2013."

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