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STATE OF MONTANA

Exhibit #2
SB 136
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GOVERNOR



April 22, 2011

The Honorable Jim Peterson
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear President Peterson:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby return with amendments Senate Bill No. 136 (SB 136), **"AN ACT REVISING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING LICENSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-290, 87-2-514, AND 87-2-515, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."**

Senate Bill 136 provides a special hunting opportunity to people born in Montana who reside out of state. While I support the bill's intent, my amendments change the fees that would be charged to nonresidents. I believe the pricing subsidy in SB 136 is unreasonable in comparison to other nonresident hunting license fees and, for the sake of fairness, should be set at a rate half the current out-of-state license fees, not double the current resident fees.

My amendments will maintain the intent of the bill to allow significant hunting opportunities for Montana families whose members reside out of state, while also providing fair and responsible financial management of hunting opportunity and license dollars.

I respectfully ask for your support of my proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer", written over the printed name and title.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR

cc: Legislative Services Division

SB 136

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 136
Reference Copy

Requested by the Governor

For the Senate Committee of the Whole

Prepared by Susan Byorth Fox
April 22, 2011 (6:21pm)

1. Title, line 10 and 11.

Following: "87-1-290" on line 10

Strike: "1"

Insert: "AND"

Following: "87-2-514," on line 10

Strike: "AND" on line 10 through "87-2-515," on line 11

Following: "MCA;" on line 11

Insert: "REPEALING SECTION 87-2-515, MCA;"

2. Page 7, line 13.

Strike: "B"

Insert: "B-10"

Strike: "fishing"

Insert: "big game combination"

Following: "i"

Insert: "or"

3. Page 7, line 14.

Strike: "B-1"

Insert: "B-11"

Strike: "upland game bird"

Insert: "deer combination"

Strike: "i"

Insert: "."

4. Page 7, line 15 through line 19.

Strike: line 15 through line 19 in their entirety

Insert: "(3) Sale of a license under this section may not affect
the license quotas established in 87-2-505 and 87-2-510."

5. Page 7, line 20 through line 23.

Following: "is" on line 20

Strike: remainder of line 20 through "license" on line 23

Insert: "one-half the fee of a Class B-10 or B-11 nonresident
combination license plus the nonresident hunting access

enhancement fee provided for in 87-2-202(3)(d) "

6. Page 8, line 13 through line 20.

Strike: section 3 in its entirety

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Repealer. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is repealed: 87-2-515. Class B-15 nonresident child's elk license. {Internal References to 87-2-515: 87-2-514 s}"

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