

Montana Sportsmen  
ALLIANCE

Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues

SENATE JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE  
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TO THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

RE: HB 205- AN ACT ELIMINATING A STATE LIMITATION ON THE USE OF  
SOUND REDUCTION DEVICES ON FIREARMS

POSITION: Montana Sportsmen's Alliance hereby goes on record **STRONGLY**  
**OPPOSING HB 205** based on the following reasons:

- The loud noise associated with a gunshot is primarily caused by the bullet breaking the sound barrier when it leaves the barrel. Thru the use of silencers and sub-sonic "whisper" ammunition, virtually all sound associated with the shot would be eliminated. (see attached sheets)
- Poachers have a greater probability of being caught at or near the scene due to the sound of the gun. Silencers make it easier to go undetected.
- Most, if not all ranchers and landowners, want to be able to hear a shot go off to determine if someone is trespassing on their land either, during the day or at night.
- HB 205 is a poacher's dream that would dramatically decrease the odds of being caught.
- It is highly unlikely that legitimate hunters will go thru the process or pay the cost to put silencers on their guns.

Once again we would like to state our STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 205.

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