

HOUSE BILL NO. 20
INTRODUCED BY G. GOLIE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT BENEFITING MULE DEER AND ELK BY ALLOWING THE ANNUAL ISSUANCE OF ONE MULE DEER LICENSE AND ONE ELK LICENSE THROUGH A COMPETITIVE AUCTION OR LOTTERY; ALLOWING THE AUCTION OR LOTTERY TO BE CONDUCTED BY A WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION AND ALLOWING THE RETENTION OF 10 PERCENT OF SALE PROCEEDS BY THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION TO COVER EXPENSES; AND DEDICATING THE REMAINING AUCTION OR LOTTERY PROCEEDS TO THE BENEFIT OF MULE DEER AND ELK."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Auction or lottery of mule deer license.** (1) The commission may issue one male mule deer license each year through a competitive auction or lottery. The commission shall promulgate rules for the use of the license and conduct of the auction or lottery. A wildlife conservation organization involved in the conservation of mule deer may be authorized to conduct the license auction or lottery, in which case the authorized organization may retain up to 10% of the proceeds of the sale to cover reasonable auction or lottery expenses.

(2) All proceeds remaining from the auction or lottery, whether conducted by the commission or as otherwise authorized by the commission, must be used by the department for the substantial benefit of mule deer. The proceeds from the auction or lottery must be used in addition to any other funds that the department uses for the management of mule deer.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Auction or lottery of elk license.** (1) The commission may issue one male elk license each year through a competitive auction or lottery. The commission shall promulgate rules for the use of the license and conduct of the auction or lottery. A wildlife conservation organization involved in the conservation of elk may be authorized to conduct the license auction or lottery, in which case the authorized organization may retain up to 10% of the proceeds of the sale to cover reasonable auction or lottery expenses.

(2) All proceeds remaining from the auction or lottery, whether conducted by the commission or as otherwise authorized by the commission, must be used by the department for the substantial benefit of elk. The

proceeds from the auction or lottery must be used in addition to any other funds that the department uses for the management of elk.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 2, part 8, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 2, part 8, apply to [sections 1 and 2].

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