

SENATE BILL NO. 17
INTRODUCED BY L. LARSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MODIFYING THE AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS FOR THE UPLAND GAME BIRD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM BY ELIMINATING THE PERCENTAGE AMOUNTS OF FUNDS COLLECTED THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE SET ASIDE AND SPENT FOR UPLAND GAME BIRD RELEASES EACH YEAR; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-247, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-1-247, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-1-247. Authorized use of funds. (1) Not more than 15% of the money generated under 87-1-246 may be used by the department to:

(a) prepare and disseminate information to landowners and organizations concerning the upland game bird enhancement program;

(b) review potential upland game bird release sites;

(c) assist applicants in preparing management plans for project areas; and

(d) evaluate the upland game bird enhancement program.

(2) The remainder of the money raised must be used for releasing upland game birds in suitable habitat and for the development, enhancement, and conservation of upland game bird habitat in Montana.

~~(3) (a) At least 15% of the funds collected under 87-1-246 must be set aside each fiscal year for expenditures related to upland game bird releases.~~

~~(b) At least 25% of the funds set aside for upland game bird release must be spent each year."~~

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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