

SENATE BILL NO. 44  
INTRODUCED BY L. LARSON  
BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A 2006 RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIVATE LAND/PUBLIC WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL BY ADDING WILD BUFFALO OR BISON, ANTELOPE, AND MOUNTAIN LION TO THE LIST OF BIG GAME LICENSES THAT THE FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THROUGH AN ANNUAL LOTTERY; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-271, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 87-1-271, MCA, is amended to read:

**"87-1-271. Annual lottery of hunting licenses -- proceeds dedicated to hunting access enhancement.** (1) The commission may issue through a lottery one license each year for each of the following:

- (a) deer;
- (b) elk;
- (c) shiras moose;
- (d) mountain sheep; ~~and~~
- (e) mountain goat;
- (f) wild buffalo or bison;
- (g) antelope; and
- (h) mountain lion.

(2) The restriction in 87-2-702(4) that a person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or mountain sheep special license is not eligible to receive another license for that species for the next 7 years does not apply to a person who receives a license through a lottery conducted pursuant to this section.

- (3) The commission shall establish rules regarding:
  - (a) the conduct of the lottery authorized in this section;
  - (b) the use of licenses issued through the lottery; and
  - (c) the price of lottery tickets.
- (4) All proceeds from a lottery conducted pursuant to this section must be used by the department for

hunting access enhancement programs and law enforcement."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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