

SENATE BILL NO. 110

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING FUNDS IN THE WOLF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-623 AND 87-5-132, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-1-623, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-1-623. Wolf management account. (1) There is a wolf management account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102. Fees collected from the sale of Class E-1 and Class E-2 wolf licenses and interest earned on the account must be deposited into the account. Subject to appropriation by the legislature, money deposited in the account must be used exclusively for the management of wolves as specified in subsection (2).

(2) Money deposited in accordance with subsection (1) must be ~~equally divided and~~ allocated for the following purposes:

- (a) wolf-collaring activities conducted pursuant to 87-5-132; ~~and~~
- (b) lethal action conducted pursuant to 87-1-217 to take problem wolves that attack livestock; and
- (c) activities related to management, as defined in 87-5-102, of wolves.

(3) Any unspent or unencumbered money in the account at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the account."

Section 2. Section 87-5-132, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-5-132. Use of radio-tracking collars for monitoring wolf packs. (1) As part of a wolf management plan approved by the department, a radio-tracking collar or a collar that uses global positioning system technology must be attached to at least one wolf in each wolf pack that is active near livestock or near a population center in areas where depredations are chronic or likely.

(2) The department may expend any state and federal funds received for wolf management purposes ~~and the portion of~~ money allocated from the wolf management account established in 87-1-623 to fulfill the

1 requirements of this section.

2 (3) The department shall collaborate and cooperate and may enter into agreements with other state and
3 federal agencies, including the United States department of agriculture wildlife services, to fulfill the requirements
4 of this section."

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6 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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