

HOUSE BILL NO. 239

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING LIMITED DRAWING REFUNDS TO BE REDIRECTED TO THE BLOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-290, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Option to direct limited drawing refunds to block management program. A person who participates in a limited drawing but is not successful in the drawing may opt, upon application, to direct that the refund the person is eligible to receive instead be deposited in the hunting access account established in 87-1-290 and used for the purpose of funding the block management program established by administrative rule pursuant to authority contained in 87-1-301 and 87-1-303.

Section 2. Section 87-1-290, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-1-290. Hunting access account. (1) There is a hunting access account in the state special revenue fund. Funds deposited in this account must be used for the purpose of funding any hunting access program established by law or by the department through administrative rule.

(2) The following funds must be deposited in the account:

(a) 28.5% of the fee for Class B-10 nonresident big game combination licenses pursuant to 87-2-505 and 28.5% of the fee for Class B-11 nonresident deer combination licenses pursuant to 87-2-510;

(b) 28.5% of the fee for hunting licenses issued to nonresident relatives of a resident pursuant to 87-2-514; ~~and~~

(c) the hunting access enhancement fees collected pursuant to 87-2-116; and

(d) limited drawing refunds received pursuant to [section 1].

(3) Any interest or income earned on the account must be deposited in the account."

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



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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2020.

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