

HOUSE BILL NO. 279

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS INCURRED
WHILE HARVESTING WOLVES; ALLOWING REIMBURSEMENTS TO ETHICAL TRAPPERS; AND AMENDING
SECTION 87-6-214, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 87-6-214, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-6-214. Unlawful contest or prize. (1) (a) Except as provided in subsections (1)(b) ~~and (1)(c)~~
through (1)(d), a person, firm, or club may not offer or give a prize, gift, or anything of value in connection with
or as a bag limit prize for the taking, capturing, killing, or in any manner acquiring any game, fowl, or fur-bearing
animal or any bird or animal protected by law.

(b) A prize may be awarded for any one game bird or fur-bearing animal on the basis of size, quality, or
rarity.

(c) A person may conduct or sponsor a contest for which the monetary prize, certificate, or award does
not exceed \$50 for a person who kills a game animal possessing the largest antlers or horns, carrying the
greatest weight, or having the longest body or any similar contest based upon the size or weight of a game animal
or part of a game animal. The monetary restriction provided in this subsection (1)(c) does not apply to recognition
given by a nationally established and recognized Boone and Crockett trophy institute.

(d) Reimbursements for receipts of costs incurred related to the trapping of wolves may be given to
ethical trappers licensed pursuant to Title 87, chapter 2, part 6.

(2) A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be fined not less than \$50 or more than \$1,000
or be imprisoned in the county detention center for not more than 6 months, or both. In addition, the person, upon
conviction or forfeiture of bond or bail, may be subject to forfeiture of any current hunting, fishing, or trapping
license issued by this state and the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in this state or to use state lands, as defined in
77-1-101, for recreational purposes for a period of time set by the court."

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