



AN ACT PROTECTING EXACT COORDINATE LOCATION DATA OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FROM MISUSE;
CREATING PENALTIES FOR MISUSE OF EXACT LOCATION DATA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Fish and wildlife location data -- penalties. (1) Unless specifically authorized by the department, a person who obtains exact coordinate location data from the department may not use the data, or transfer the data to another person to use, in a way that harms, harasses, or kills fish or wildlife. A person who uses, transfers, or receives exact coordinate location data in 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.

(2) Upon conviction or forfeiture of bond or bail, the person 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.

(3) A person convicted under this section may be subject to the additional penalties provided in 87-6-901 through 87-6-903.

(4) A violation of this section may also result in an order to pay restitution pursuant to 87-6-905 through 87-6-907.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 6, part 2, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 6, part 2, apply to [section 1].

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 0349, originated in the Senate.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

SENATE BILL NO. 349

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