

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 347

Legislative Action:

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House Committee: _____

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Delegation: Southwestern Montana Family YMCA

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: House Natural Resources & Transportation Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL BUCK DEER SHOT

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3 WITHIN MONTANA A THREE-ANTLER-POINT MINIMUM"

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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7 **Section 1:** Purpose: Mature deer tend to give better genes to their offspring than yearling deer
8 thus resulting in healthier generations of deer. This offers a protection to young, yearling bucks
9 and reduces the number of harvested buck deer.

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11 **Section 2:** Definitions: Antlered Buck- A deer with an antler or antlers at least four inches in
12 length as measured from the top of the skull to the tip of the point.

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14 **Section 3:** All antlered buck mule and white-tailed deer must have a three-antler-point minimum
15 on one side. Mature deer tend to give better genes to their offspring than yearling deer thus
16 resulting in healthier generations of deer.

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18 **Section 4:** Rules for Deer A and Deer B tags will not change due to variations in different
19 districts.

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21 **Section 5:** Enforcement will be provided by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Game
22 Wardens, and Montana FWP check stations. A minimum fine of \$200.00 and/or 5 days in jail
23 will be set for violators of this law.

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25 **Section 6:** No funding will be needed for this law due to Game Wardens already patrolling and
26 check stations that are already set up.

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28 **Section 7:** This bill will become effective immediately upon passage.

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