

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Legislative Action:

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House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: Butte High School

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Referred to Committee:  
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1. A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “ An act to introduce non-game hunting regulations and licenses.”
2. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
3. **Section 1. Definitions.**
  - a. “Non-game”, “native species” or “unprotected animal” as stated by the Montana statute (MCA 87-5-102 (6)) is “any wild mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile, fish, mollusk, crustacean, or other animal FWP has applied the term “Native Species” to any of the non-game wildlife species managed under it’s Wildlife Program.
  - b. “License” as defined by Webster’s dictionary is 1. formal or legal permission to do something specified 2.a document indicating such permission.
4. **Section 2.** Those who want to hunt unprotected, non-game, native species must purchase a license in order to:
  - a. Preserve those animals that are unprotected and those which have no restrictions or limits on how many may be harvested.
  - b. To provide funding for FWP (Fish, Wildlife, and Parks) and their management projects, which deal with wildlife as well as state parks and waters. Fish, Wildlife and Parks has a mandate to manage all wildlife species.
5. **Section 3. Procedural and Administrative Provision.**
  - i. In order to insure the license is purchased and the regulations are followed FWP current Game Wardens will be allowed to issue fines, tickets, and penalize those who are caught unlawfully harvesting non-game animals.
6. **Section 4. Sanctions and Penalties.**
  - i. Those who unlawfully possess and harvest those animals considered non-game shall be fined as considered appropriate to the FWP in accordance with other preexisting fines and punishments
7. **Section 5. Enactment Date.** This act will become effective upon passage.

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