

SENATE BILL NO. 119

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE PROHIBITION OF SPRING TURKEY HUNTING WITH A RIFLE; AMENDING SECTION 87-3-401, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-3-401, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-3-401. Restrictions on rifles for bird hunting. Rifles may not be used to hunt or shoot upland game birds unless the use of rifles is permitted by the department. This does not prohibit the shooting of wild waterfowl from blinds over decoys with a shotgun only, not larger than a number 10 gauge, fired from the shoulder. ~~The~~ The department shall permit the use of rifles to hunt ~~or shoot~~ wild turkey during the spring wild turkey season ~~is prohibited.~~"

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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