

SENATE BILL NO. 127

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR HUNTING; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS AND PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Sale of wildlife location and identification information for hunting prohibited -- penalties -- exemptions.

(1) A person may not advertise or receive remuneration for providing a hunter with location and identification information of a game animal as defined by 87-2-101 or trophy animal as described in 87-6-907 to aid the hunter in the taking of that specific big game animal or trophy animal.

(2) Location and identification information prohibited by subsection (1) includes:

(a) geographical coordinates of the location of the animal or any maps, drawings, illustrations, or other documents that show the location of the animal; and

(b) photographs, drawings, descriptions, or other information that identify the animal.

(3) (a) 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.

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

(4) This section does not apply to:

(a) government agencies or employees, contractors, or designees of a government agency performing lawful duties;

(b) resident landowners guiding hunters on land owned by or leased to the landowner; or

(c) an outfitter or guide licensed pursuant to Title 37, chapter 47, part 3, employed by a nonresident

1 hunter.

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

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
6 integral part of Title 87, chapter 6, part 4, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 6, part 4, apply to [section 1].

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