



AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO AUCTION AND LOTTERY LICENSES; CREATING AUCTION OR LOTTERY LICENSES FOR ANTELOPE AND SWANS; DESIGNATING PROCEEDS FROM LICENSE SALES; AND PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

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

Section 1. Auction or lottery of antelope license. (1) The commission may issue one either sex antelope license each year through a competitive auction or lottery. The commission shall promulgate rules for the use of the license and conduct of the auction or lottery. A wildlife conservation organization that focuses on the conservation of antelope may be authorized to conduct the license auction or lottery, in which case the authorized organization may retain up to 10% of the proceeds of the sale to cover reasonable auction or lottery expenses.

(2) All proceeds remaining from the auction or lottery, whether conducted by the commission or as otherwise authorized by the commission, must be used by the department for the substantial benefit of antelope. The proceeds from the auction or lottery must be used in addition to any other funds that the department uses for the management of antelope.

Section 2. Auction or lottery of swan license. (1) The commission may issue one swan license each year through a competitive auction or lottery. The commission shall promulgate rules for the use of the license and conduct of the auction or lottery. A wildlife conservation organization that focuses on the conservation of migratory game birds may be authorized to conduct the license auction or lottery, in which case the authorized organization may retain up to 10% of the proceeds of the sale to cover reasonable auction or lottery expenses.

(2) All proceeds remaining from the auction or lottery, whether conducted by the commission or as

otherwise authorized by the commission, must be used by the department for the substantial benefit of migratory game birds. The proceeds from the auction or lottery must be used in addition to any other funds that the department uses for the management of migratory game birds.

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 2, part 8, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 2, part 8, apply to [sections 1 and 2].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 330, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 330

INTRODUCED BY J. HINKLE, T. RUNNING WOLF

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