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HOUSE BILL NO. 222

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A YEAR-ROUND OPEN WOLF HUNTING SEASON;
ALLOWING FOR THE SEASON TO BE CLOSED WHEN THE WOLF POPULATION IS AT OR BELOW A
CERTAIN NUMBER; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO CLOSE THE SEASON IN MAY AND JUNE; AND
AMENDING SECTION 87-1-304, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 87-1-304, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-1-304. Fixing of seasons and bag and possession limits. (1) Subject to the provisions of 87-5-302 and subsections (7) through ~~(9)~~ (10) of this section, the commission may:

- (a) fix seasons, bag limits, possession limits, and season limits;
- (b) open or close or shorten or lengthen seasons on any species of game, bird, fish, or fur-bearing animal as defined by 87-2-101;
- (c) declare areas open to the hunting of deer, antelope, elk, moose, sheep, goat, mountain lion, bear, wild buffalo or bison, and wolf by persons holding an archery stamp and the required license, permit, or tag and designate times when only bows and arrows may be used to hunt deer, antelope, elk, moose, sheep, goat, mountain lion, bear, wild buffalo or bison, and wolf in those areas;
- (d) subject to the provisions of 87-1-301(6), restrict areas and species to hunting with only specified hunting arms, including bow and arrow, for the reasons of safety or of providing diverse hunting opportunities and experiences; and
- (e) declare areas open to special license holders only and issue special licenses in a limited number when the commission determines, after proper investigation, that a special season is necessary to ensure the maintenance of an adequate supply of game birds, fish, or animals or fur-bearing animals. The