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2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HUNTING OR  
5 TRAPPING WOLVES; AMENDING SECTION 87-6-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE  
6 DATE."

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8 WHEREAS, prohibiting the commercial trafficking of dead wildlife is one of the seven pillars of the  
9 North American model of wildlife conservation; and

10 WHEREAS, for decades, Montana adhered to that principle by prohibiting the exchange of cash or  
11 anything of value for harvesting or documenting the harvesting of wildlife.

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

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15 **Section 1.** Section 87-6-214, MCA, is amended to read:

16 **"87-6-214. Unlawful contest or prize.** (1) (a) Except as provided in subsections (1)(b) through (1)(d),  
17 a person, firm, or club may not offer or give a prize, gift, or anything of value in connection with or as a bag limit  
18 prize for the taking, capturing, killing, or in any manner acquiring any game, fowl, or fur-bearing animal or any  
19 bird or animal protected by law.

20 (b) A prize may be awarded for any one game bird or fur-bearing animal on the basis of size,  
21 quality, or rarity.

22 (c) A person may conduct or sponsor a contest for which the monetary prize, certificate, or award  
23 does not exceed \$50 for a person who kills a game animal possessing the largest antlers or horns, carrying the  
24 greatest weight, or having the longest body or any similar contest based upon the size or weight of a game  
25 animal or part of a game animal. The monetary restriction provided in this subsection (1)(c) does not apply to  
26 recognition given by a nationally established and recognized Boone and Crockett trophy institute.

27 ~~(d) — Reimbursements for receipts of costs incurred related to the hunting or trapping of wolves may~~  
28 ~~be given to persons licensed to hunt or trap wolves pursuant to Title 87, chapter 2.~~

1           (2)     A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be fined not less than \$50 or more than  
2     \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county detention center for not more than 6 months, or both. In addition, the  
3     person, upon conviction or forfeiture of bond or bail, may be subject to forfeiture of any current hunting, fishing,  
4     or trapping license issued by this state and the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in this state or to use state lands,  
5     as defined in 77-1-101, for recreational purposes for a period of time set by the court."

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

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