



AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA STATE SHOOTING FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS DEVELOPMENT AND OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE; CREATING THE MONTANA STATE SHOOTING FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

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

Section 1. State shooting facilities and improvements development and oversight task force -- membership -- duties -- reporting. (1) There is a state shooting facilities and improvements development and oversight task force, which is composed of the following members:

- (a) the governor or the governor's designee;
- (b) a member of the board of state parks and recreation or the board member's designee;
- (c) the director of the department of commerce or the director's designee;
- (d) two members representing firearm, archery, or firearm accessory manufacturing companies in the state, appointed by the governor;
- (e) one member of the public representing a shooting sports organization that has representation in the state, appointed by the governor;
- (f) one member of the public representing a hunting or wildlife conservation organization that is headquartered in the state or that has an active chapter in the state, appointed by the governor;
- (g) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house. The speaker of the house shall designate a co-chairperson of the task force.
- (h) two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. The president of the senate shall designate a co-chairperson of the task force.

(2) The task force shall:

- (a) develop a framework for the selection of a location for Montana state shooting facilities and improvements;
- (b) review all shooting facilities in the region and develop preliminary specifications, plans, and features for the Montana state shooting facilities and improvements;
- (c) develop a request for proposals so that local governments, private sector entities, or a combination of both may submit proposals to be considered for the location of Montana state shooting facilities and improvements; and
- (d) make recommendations for the development, location, and administrative structure of the Montana state shooting facilities and improvements to the governor, the joint appropriations subcommittee on natural resources and transportation, and the joint fish, wildlife, and parks committee.

(3) A vacancy in the task force must be filled in the same manner as members are appointed under subsection (1).

(4) By June 30, 2027, the task force shall report to the governor and the economic affairs interim committee.

(5) The task force is allocated to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks for administrative purposes only as provided in 2-15-121.

(6)

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (6)(b) and unless otherwise provided by law, each member is entitled to be paid \$100 for each day in which the member is engaged in the performance of duties under this section and is also entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses, as provided for in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503, incurred while performing task force duties.
- (b) Members who are full-time, salaried officers or employees of this state or of a political subdivision of this state are not entitled to be compensated for their service as members except when they perform their task force duties outside of their regular working hours or during hours charged against their leave time, but those members are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided for in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503.

Section 2. Montana state shooting facilities and improvements account. (1) There is a Montana state shooting facilities and improvements account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.

The account is administered by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks.

- (2) Money transferred from a lawful source, including but not limited to gifts, grants, donations, securities, and other assets, public or private, may be deposited in the account.
- (3) Money in the account may be used to develop a framework for the selection and location of state-supported shooting facilities, improvements in existing facilities, and funding mechanisms.
- (4) Interest and income earned on the account and any unspent or unencumbered money in the account at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the account.

Section 3. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$55,000 from the general fund to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for the purposes described in [section 1].

- (2) Money from the appropriation that is not spent during the biennium must revert to the general fund.

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

Section 5. Termination. [Section 1] terminates June 30, 2027.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 899, 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. 899

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