

1 SENATE BILL NO. 143

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING MONTANA GRIZZLY BEAR POLICY TO AVOID
5 CONFLICTS WITH HUMANS AND LIVESTOCK; AMENDING SECTION 87-5-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN
6 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 87-5-301, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"87-5-301. ~~Policy toward grizzly~~ Grizzly bear -- findings -- policy.** (1) The legislature finds that:12 (a) grizzly bears are a recovered population and thrive under responsive cooperative management;13 (b) grizzly bear conservation is best served under state management and the local, state, tribal, and
14 federal partnerships that fostered recovery; and15 (c) successful conflict management is key to maintaining public support for conservation of the grizzly
16 bear.17 (2) It is hereby declared the policy of the state of Montana to: protect, conserve, and18 (a) manage the grizzly bear as a rare species of Montana wildlife to avoid conflicts with humans and
19 livestock; and20 (b) use preemptive PROACTIVE management to control grizzly bear distribution and prevent conflicts,
21 including trapping and lethal measures."

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

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