

Bill #	Status	Short Title	Bill Title	What it does
HB 242	Signed by Governor 5/5/25	Revise fines related to aquatic invasive species	AN ACT REVISING FINES FOR ILLEGALLY TRANSPORTING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES; REMOVING THE OPTION TO ISSUE A WARNING WITHOUT PENALTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 80-7-1014, MCA.	Increases the fines for violating aquatic invasive species management area rules.
HB 74	Signed by Governor 4/3/25	Revising private fish pond and commercial take laws	AN ACT REVISING PRIVATE FISH POND LAWS AND COMMERCIAL 6 TAKE OF FISH; REVISING LICENSING STANDARDS AND THE RENEWAL PROCESS FOR PRIVATE AND 7 COMMERCIAL FISH PONDS; REPEALING PADDLEFISH CAVIAR SALES; PROVIDING FOR 8 RECORDKEEPING; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; INCREASING APPLICATION AND RENEWAL 9 FEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-4-603, 87-4-606, 87-4-607, 87-6-202, 87-610 206, AND 87-6-707, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 87-4-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE 11 EFFECTIVE DATE.	Strengthens private fish pond license to address the risk of introduction of pathogens or invasive species.
SB 167	Vetoed by Governor	Provide funding for noxious weed trust	AN ACT TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO THE NOXIOUS WEED 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.	Transfer \$10 million from general fund to noxious weed management trust fund.
HB 932	Transmitted to Governor 5/7/25	Revise lase related to funding conservation; Kelly Flynn Act - Section 6 -10	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE MARIJUANA STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; ESTABLISHING A HABITAT LEGACY ACCOUNT; ESTABLISHING STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND WILDLIFE CROSSINGS; REVISING MEMBERSHIP FOR THE WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL; REVISING THE KELLY FLYNN MONTANA WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT ACT; REVISING RANKING CRITERIA FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; REVISING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-12-111, 87-5-801, 87-5-802, 87-5-803, 87-5-804, 87-5-806, AND 87-5-808, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.	Addresses several topics including the Kelly Flynn Montana Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program and Legacy Act; wildlife habitat improvement council and projects.
SB 409	Transmitted to Governor 5/5/25	Generally revise laws related to the department of commerce	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO LODGING FACILITY USE TAX REVENUES; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO USE THE LODGING FACILITY USE TAX REVENUE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE EMERGENCY LODGING FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM AND MAKING IT PERMANENT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-65-121, 444-1505, AND 44-4-1506, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 12, CHAPTER 563, LAWS OF 2021, AND SECTION 10, CHAPTER 758, LAWS OF 2023; REPEALING SECTION 90-1-122, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.	Addresses lodging tax revenues; increases amount to the aquatic invasive species state special revenue account from 1.4% to 1.5%
SJ 42	Transmited to Governor 5/6/25	Interim study of noxious weed control	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY ON NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL; REVIEWING THE POWERS OF THE DISTRICT WEED BOARD AND THE DISTRICT WEED COORDINATOR IN ENFORCING NOXIOUS WEED COMPLIANCE; EXAMINING WAYS TO IMPROVE CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY OF EXISTING STATUTE; RESEARCHING AND PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR OTHER METHODS OF NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL TO BE ADDED TO STATE LAW; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 70TH LEGISLATURE IN THE FORM OF INTRODUCED LEGISLATION.	Establish a committee to examine state laws related to noxious weeds; report concluded by September 15, 2026.
HB 57	Passes House 50/48. Senate indefinitely postponed. (DEAD)	Designate quail as upland game bird	AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "UPLAND GAME BIRDS" TO INCLUDE CALIFORNIA QUAIL AND GAMBEL'S QUAIL; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-101 AND 87-6-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.	Add California and Gambel's quail to list of upland game birds.
HB 829	Tabled in committee 3/25 (DEAD)	Generally revise laws related to aquatic invasive species.	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT; REQUIRING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS TRAINING; REQUIRING ALL VESSEL OPERATORS OBTAIN AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PASS; REVISING PENALTIES RELATED TO TRANSPORTING.	Create an AIS awareness/education course; require all watercraft to possess an AIS prevention pass; increase civil penalty for AIS violations.
LC4294	Draft delivered to requester, not introduced	Generally revise aquatic invasive species laws	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES LAWS; PROVIDING FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 23-2-541 AND 87-2-130, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.	Increase some AIS prevention pass fees.