## One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman** 

**Committee: Natural Resources** 

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB425 increases nonresident permit fees for a variety of nonresident hunting or fishing permits and provides Game and Parks with the ability to place limitations on nonresident permits during special depredation seasons.

Clarifies that a auction permit for mountain sheep does not count against an individuals lifetime limit of one mountain sheep permit.

Increases the area of a county that may be designated as a controlled shooting area from 2% to 5%.

Adds elk to the species that may be hunted in game refuges.

The bill also increases the quorum required for the Game and Parks Commission, which is made up of nine members from four to five.

Principal Introducer:	
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**Senator Bruce Bostelman**