

Comparison of AIS-related user fees considered and not passed in 2017 Session

		HB 204	HB 575	LC 2163-4	LC 2163-4
Affected users		All vessels	All users of FAS or WMA	All resident motorboats, sailboats, personal watercraft	Nonresident motorboats, sailboats, personal watercraft
Decal requirement		Affixed in conspicuous place to each vessel operated in MT (see attached 23-2-502, MCA, for definition of vessel)	Display access pass in vehicle for use of FAS or WMA; electronic display allowed	Establish fee for validation decals verifying the identifying number of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft (see attached 23-2-502, MCA, for definitions)	Nonresident decal displayed as prescribed by FWP on a motorboat or sailboat when operated in MT
Frequency of purchase		Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Price		\$25	\$15	\$25	\$50
Discount offered			Half price for MT fishing license holder		
Where available		At locations prescribed by FWP	At locations or using methods prescribed by FWP	At locations prescribed by FWP	At locations prescribed by FWP
Transferability		Not transferable		Not transferable	Not transferable
Expiration date				31-Dec	
Uses of revenue					
	AIS	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
	FAS sites	\$9.50	\$2.75		
	Noxious weeds	\$10.00	\$6.00		
	Boating safety and enforcement		\$1.00		
	County expenses related to FAS and WMA sites		\$0.75		
	Vendor commission	\$0.50	\$0.50		
Saturatorily appropriated		Yes	Yes	No	No
Fiscal note	Estimated revenue	\$4.4 million	At least \$2.5 million		
	Estimated number of users	234,500 resident and nonresident vessels operated in MT	75% of resident and nonresident fishing license holders would purchase the access pass; could not estimate number of people buying a pass to access FAS and WMA sites		
	Technical note		Fees for access to property acquired or developed with license funding must be treated as license fees and may not be earmarked		

Other AIS funding mechanisms considered and not passed in 2017 Session

	Mechanism	Note	Estimated annual revenue
Irrigated farmland fee	\$1.20/acre		\$200,000 to \$250,000
	~\$25/landowner	Comes with costs for new DOR data analysis: \$14,125 for system (vendor) costs + 1,940 employee hours	
	\$7.65/parcel		
	\$10.52/assessment code or tax bill		
Bottle cap deposit fee	\$0.02/cap	Currently, no plastic recycling market	~\$2.5 million to \$4.3 million gross. Net revenue dependent on bottle cap returns