

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSES; ESTABLISHING WILDERNESS-ONLY NONRESIDENT BIG GAME COMBINATION LICENSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-505 AND 87-2-510, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-505, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-505. Class B-10--nonresident big game combination license. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued may, upon payment of the fee of \$897 plus the nonresident hunting access enhancement fee in 87-2-202(3)(d) and subject to the limitations prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to the fish, wildlife, and parks office, Helena, Montana, to purchase a B-10 nonresident big game combination license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to all the privileges of Class B, Class B-1, and Class B-7 licenses and an elk tag. This license includes the nonresident conservation license as prescribed in 87-2-202.

(b) ~~Not~~ Except as provided in subsection (3), not more than 17,000 20,000 Class B-10 licenses may be sold in any 1 license year.

(c) Of the fee paid for the purchase of a Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license pursuant to subsection (1)(a), 25% must be deposited in the account established in 87-1-290.

(d) The cost of the Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license must be adjusted annually based on any change to the consumer price index from the previous year. The consumer price index to be used for calculations is the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

(2) A person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is unsuccessful in the Class B-10 big game combination license drawing may pay a fee of \$25 to participate in a preference system for deer and elk permits established by the commission.

(3) (a) In addition to the Class B-10 licenses made available in subsection (1), the department shall offer

1 10,000 Class B-10 licenses to nonresident applicants indicating their intent to hunt only in the following wilderness

2 areas:

3 (i) Absaroka-Beartooth wilderness;

4 (ii) Anaconda Pintler wilderness;

5 (iii) Bob Marshall wilderness;

6 (iv) Cabinet Mountains wilderness;

7 (v) Gates of the Mountains wilderness;

8 (vi) Great Bear wilderness;

9 (vii) Lee Metcalf wilderness;

10 (viii) Medicine Lake wilderness;

11 (ix) Mission Mountains wilderness;

12 (x) Rattlesnake wilderness;

13 (xi) Red Rock Lakes wilderness;

14 (xii) Scapegoat wilderness;

15 (xiii) Selway-Bitterroot wilderness;

16 (xiv) UL Bend wilderness; or

17 (xv) Welcome Creek wilderness.

18 (b) Licenses issued pursuant to subsection (3)(a) must be sold for the fee set in subsection (1)(a).

19 (c) The commission may issue permits to implement the provisions of this subsection (3).

20 (d) The revenue collected pursuant to this subsection (3) must be deposited in the account established

21 in 87-1-290."

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23 **Section 2.** Section 87-2-510, MCA, is amended to read:

24 **"87-2-510. Class B-11--nonresident deer combination license.** (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided

25 in this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or older or who

26 will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued may, upon payment of a fee of

27 \$527 plus the nonresident hunting access enhancement fee in 87-2-202(3)(d) and subject to the limitations

28 prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to the fish, wildlife, and parks office, Helena, Montana, to

29 purchase a Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older

30 to all the privileges of the Class B, Class B-1, and Class B-7 licenses. This license includes the nonresident

1 wildlife conservation license as prescribed in 87-2-202.

2 (b) Of the fee paid for the purchase of a Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license pursuant to
3 subsection (1)(a), 25% must be deposited in the account established in 87-1-290.

4 (c) The cost of the Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license must be adjusted annually based
5 on any change to the consumer price index from the previous year. The consumer price index to be used for
6 calculations is the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

7 (2) Not more than ~~4,600~~ 9,500 unreserved Class B-11 licenses may be sold in any 1 license year.

8 (3) A person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is unsuccessful in the Class B-11 deer
9 combination license drawing may pay a fee of \$25 to participate in a preference system for deer and elk permits
10 established by the commission."

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2014.

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