

HOUSE BILL NO. 280

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING HOW WOLF LICENSES ARE ISSUED TO RESIDENT HUNTERS; ~~ADDING A WOLF LICENSE TO THE CLASS AAA COMBINATION SPORTS LICENSE THAT INCLUDES A BEAR TAG;~~ PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR CERTAIN LICENSE HOLDERS; AMENDING SECTION ~~87-2-714~~ 87-2-523, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

~~Section 1. Section 87-2-711, MCA, is amended to read:~~

~~"87-2-711. Class AAA--combination sports license. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a resident, as defined by 87-2-102, 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 is entitled to:~~

~~(a) a combination sports license that permits a holder who is 12 years of age or older to exercise all rights granted to holders of Class A, A-1, A-3, and A-5 licenses and resident conservation licenses as prescribed in 87-2-202 upon payment of the sum of \$70 or, if the resident is a service member eligible for a combination sports license pursuant to 87-2-817(2), upon payment of the resident base hunting license fee provided for in 87-2-116 [and purchase of the resident aquatic invasive species prevention pass pursuant to 87-2-130]; or~~

~~(b) a combination sports license that permits a holder who is 12 years of age or older to exercise all rights granted in subsection (1)(a) and the additional rights granted to holders of a Class A-6 tag and a Class E-1 license upon payment of the sum of \$85.~~

~~(2) The department may furnish each holder of a combination sports license an appropriate decal. (Bracketed language terminates February 29, 2020--sec. 21(1), Ch. 387, L. 2017.)"~~

SECTION 1. SECTION 87-2-523, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"87-2-523. Class E-1--resident wolf license. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and in subsection (2) of this section, a person who is a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and 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, upon payment of a fee of \$19, may receive a Class E-1 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt a wolf



1 and possess the carcass of the wolf as authorized by commission rules.

2 ~~(2)~~ A resident holder of a Class AAA combination sports license, regardless of whether it includes a
3 Class A-6 bear tag, may purchase the first Class E-1 license the person obtains in that license year for \$10.

4 ~~(2)(3)~~ A person who purchases a license pursuant to this section after August 31 may not use the license
5 until 24 hours after the license is issued.

6 ~~(3)(4)~~ Fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited and used in accordance with 87-1-623."

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8 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2020.

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