

HOUSE BILL NO. 390

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SPECIAL HUNTING LICENSES;
5 REVISING AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN LICENSES; LIMITING THE TAKE OF
6 CERTAIN ANIMALS TO ONE PER LIFETIME; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-701
7 AND 87-2-702, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-701, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"87-2-701. Special licenses.** (1) An applicant who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years
13 old before or during the season for which the license is issued and is the holder of a ~~resident~~ wildlife conservation
14 license ~~or a nonresident wildlife conservation license~~ may apply for a special license that, in the judgment of the
15 department, is to be issued and shall pay the following fees:

- 16 (a) antlerless moose--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$1,250;
17 (b) ~~mountain goat--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$1,250;~~
18 (e)(b) ewe mountain sheep--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$1,250;
19 (d)(c) antelope--resident, \$14; nonresident, \$200;
20 (e) ~~grizzly bear--resident, \$150; nonresident, \$1,000;~~
21 (f)(d) black bear--nonresident, \$350;
22 (g)(e) wild buffalo or bison--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$1,250.

23 (2) Except as provided in 87-2-702(3), an applicant who is 18 years of age or older, or who will turn 18
24 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, and is the holder of a wildlife conservation
25 license may apply for a special license that, in the judgment of the department, is to be issued and shall pay the
26 following fees:

- 27 (a) antlered moose--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$1,250;
28 (b) mountain goat--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$1,250;
29 (c) ram mountain sheep--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$1,250;
30 (d) grizzly bear--resident, \$150; nonresident, \$1,000.

1 ~~(2)(3)~~ If a holder of a valid special grizzly bear license ~~who is 12 years of age or older~~ kills a grizzly bear,
 2 the ~~person~~ holder shall purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$50 within 10 days after the date of the kill. The
 3 trophy license authorizes the holder to possess and transport the trophy.

4 ~~(3)(4)~~ Except as provided in 87-5-302 for special grizzly bear licenses, special licenses must be issued
 5 in a manner prescribed by the department."
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7 **Section 2.** Section 87-2-702, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"87-2-702. Restrictions on special licenses -- availability of bear and mountain lion licenses. (1)**

9 A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer, an elk, or an antelope, during the current
 10 license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal
 11 of the same species.

12 (2) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid
 13 big game license for that species for the current year prior to applying for a special permit.

14 (3) (a) Except as provided in 87-2-815 and subsection (3)(b) of this section, a person may take only one
 15 of each of the following species in Montana in that person's lifetime grizzly bear in Montana with a license
 16 authorized by 87-2-701;

17 (i) grizzly bear;

18 (ii) antlered moose;

19 (iii) ram mountain sheep; and

20 (iv) mountain goat.

21 (b) The provisions of this section do not apply to licenses issued for disease management and
 22 depopulation purposes.

23 (4) ~~(a)~~ Except as provided in 87-1-271(2) and 87-2-815 and subject to the provisions of subsection (3)
 24 of this section, a person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or limited mountain sheep license, as authorized
 25 by 87-2-701, with the exception of an antlerless moose or an adult ewe game management license issued under
 26 87-2-104, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes
 27 of this subsection ~~(4)(a)~~, "limited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the
 28 number of licenses issued is restricted.

29 ~~[(b)(5) (i) Except as provided in 87-1-271(2) and 87-2-815, a person who takes a legal ram mountain~~
 30 ~~sheep with at least one horn that is equal to or greater than a three-fourths curl using an unlimited mountain~~

1 ~~sheep license or a population management license issued pursuant to 87-2-701 is not eligible to receive another~~
 2 ~~special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (4)(b)(i), "unlimited~~
 3 ~~mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is not~~
 4 ~~restricted.~~

5 ~~———(iii) Before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the department shall report to the environmental~~
 6 ~~quality council information on:~~

7 ~~(A)(a) mountain sheep harvested pursuant to this subsection (4) from the Tendoy Mountain herd;~~

8 ~~(B)(b) efforts to collect tissue samples and other biological information from mountain sheep harvested~~
 9 ~~from the Tendoy Mountain herd to determine the immunity of surviving herd members to pneumonia outbreaks;~~
 10 ~~and~~

11 ~~(C)(c) attempts by the department to share tissue samples and other biological information collected from~~
 12 ~~the Tendoy Mountain herd with Washington State University, other public entities, and private entities that~~
 13 ~~research the interaction between mountain sheep and domestic sheep.]~~

14 ~~(5)(6) An application for a wild buffalo or bison license must be made on the same form and is subject~~
 15 ~~to the same license application deadline as the special license for moose, mountain goat, and mountain sheep.~~

16 ~~(6)(7) (a) Licenses for spring bear hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after April~~
 17 ~~15 of any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a spring bear hunt after April 15 of any~~
 18 ~~license year may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.~~

19 ~~(b) Licenses for fall bear hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after August 31 of~~
 20 ~~any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a fall bear hunt after August 31 of any license~~
 21 ~~year may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.~~

22 ~~(7)(8) Licenses for mountain lion hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after August~~
 23 ~~31 of any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a mountain lion hunt after August 31 of~~
 24 ~~any license year may not use the license until 5 days after the license is issued. (Bracketed language in~~
 25 ~~subsection (4)(b) (5) terminates July 1, 2027--sec. 3, Ch. 186, L. 2017)."~~

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27 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective March 1, 2020.

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29 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. The provisions of [section 2] limit only the harvest of animals
 30 taken on or after March 1, 2020.

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