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**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND THE MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**INFORMATION SHEET
SB 55**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A FREE RESIDENT
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LICENSE TO A MOBILIZED RESIDENT NATIONAL
GUARDSMAN OR FEDERAL RESERVIST AND AMENDING SECTIONS 87- 2-202
(WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LICENSE)(APPLICATION – FEE – EXPIRATION)
AND 87-2-711 (SPECIAL AND COMBINATION LICENSES AND NONGAME
CERTIFICATE)(CLASS AAA – COMBINATION SPORTS LICENSE), MCA**

INTENT

SB 55 amends sections 87-2-202 (Wildlife Conservation License)(Application – fee – expiration), and 87-2-711 (Special and Combination Licenses and Nongame Certificate)(Class AAA – combination sports license), MCA. The Amendment will grant the issuance of a free resident wildlife conservation license to a resident member of the Montana National Guard, or federal reserves, who has been mobilized for federal military service. The free resident wildlife conservation license will be available, based upon the member's election, either in the year that the member returns from federal military service or in the license year after the member returns.

To be eligible for the free resident wildlife license, the member shall, in addition to complying with the written application and proof of residency requirements, provide to the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks ("FWP") headquarters or regional offices, the member's DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). The DD Form 214 must indicate that the member was mobilized through either a congressional declaration of war or national emergency, a presidential declaration of national emergency, or through a presidential selective reserve call-up.

CONCLUSION

Members of the National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines are being mobilized for federal military service. In recognition of their service to their country, SB 55 would entitle qualifying members to a free resident wildlife conservation license. The cost of the free resident wildlife conservation license would be absorbed by the FWP General License Account.