

## HOUSE BILL NO. 186

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING RESIDENTS OVER 62 YEARS OF AGE TO TAKE AN  
5 ANTLERLESS ELK WITHOUT A LICENSE; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-801, MCA; AND PROVIDING A  
6 DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-801, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"87-2-801. Residents over sixty-two years of age -- authorization to take antlerless elk without**  
12 **license -- resident or nonresident legion of valor members -- purple heart awardees.** (1) A resident, as  
13 defined in 87-2-102, who is 62 years of age or older is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild  
14 turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department. The form of the license must be prescribed by the  
15 department.

16 (2) A resident who is 62 years of age or older;  
17 (a) is also entitled to purchase a Class A-3 deer A tag for \$10 and a Class A-5 elk tag for \$12; and  
18 (b) may take an antlerless elk without purchasing a license so long as department regulation permits the  
19 taking of an antlerless elk in that hunting district.

20 (3) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, or a nonresident who is a legion of valor  
21 member is entitled to fish with a conservation license issued by the department.

22 (4) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who has been awarded a purple heart for  
23 service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys,  
24 with a conservation license issued by the department.

25 (5) Regardless of age, a nonresident who has been awarded a purple heart for service in the armed  
26 forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation  
27 license issued by the department during expeditions arranged for the nonresident by a nonprofit organization that  
28 uses fishing and hunting as part of the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.

29 (6) The department's general license account must be reimbursed by a quarterly transfer of funds from  
30 the general fund to the general license account for license costs associated with the fishing and game bird

1 hunting privileges granted pursuant to subsections (4) and (5) during the preceding calendar quarter.

2 Reimbursement costs must be designated as license revenue."

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2010.

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