

HOUSE BILL NO. 324

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING A NONRESIDENT TRAPPER TO TRAP FUR-BEARING ANIMALS AND TO HUNT BOBCAT; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-603, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-603. Class C-2--nonresident trapper's license. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or older, upon making application and payment of a fee of \$250 to the department, is entitled to a nonresident trapper's license that authorizes the holder to trap and snare predatory animals, and nongame wildlife, and fur-bearing animals and to hunt bobcat within the state. The trapping or snaring is permitted only after October 15 of each license year at the times and in the manner provided by law and the rules of the commission and at the places that may be designated in the license.

(2) The trapping or snaring of predatory animals and nongame wildlife by nonresidents is permitted only after October 15 of each license year.

~~(2)(3)~~ A person who is not a resident and whose state of residence does not sell nonresident trapper's licenses to Montanans may not be issued a Class C-2 license under subsection (1)."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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