

SENATE BILL NO. 260

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF HUNTING
5 LICENSES AND PERMITS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO NONRESIDENTS FOR LARGE PREDATORS;
6 AMENDING SECTION 87-2-506, MCA; AND PROVIDING A 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 87-2-506, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"87-2-506. Restrictions on hunting licenses.** (1) The department may prescribe by rule the number
12 of hunting licenses to be issued. Any license sold may be restricted to a specific administrative region, hunting
13 district, or other designated area and may specify the species, age, and sex to be taken and the time period for
14 which the license is valid.

15 (2) ~~(a) When~~ Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), when the number of valid resident applications for
16 ~~big game~~ hunting licenses or permits of a single class or type exceeds the number of licenses or permits the
17 department desires to issue in an administrative region, hunting district, or other designated area, then the
18 number of ~~big game~~ licenses or permits issued to nonresident license or permit holders in ~~the~~ that region, district,
19 or area may not exceed 10% of the total issued.

20 (b) When the number of valid resident applications for a license or permit to hunt a large predator, as
21 defined in 87-1-217, exceeds the number of licenses or permits available in an administrative region, hunting
22 district, or other designated area, the number of licenses or permits issued to nonresidents in that region, district,
23 or area may not exceed 35% of the total issued.

24 (3) Disabled veterans who meet the qualifying criteria provided in 87-2-803(5) must be provided a total
25 of 50 Class A-3 deer A tags, 50 Class A-4 deer B tags, 50 Class B-7 deer A tags, 50 Class B-8 deer B tags, and
26 50 special antelope licenses annually, which may be used within the administrative region, hunting district, or
27 other designated area of the disabled veteran's choice, except in a region, district, or area where the number of
28 licenses are less than the number of applicants, in which case qualifying disabled veterans are eligible for no
29 more than 10% of the total licenses for that region, district, or area."

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