

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

INTRODUCED BY P. CLARK

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING THE MINIMUM AGE FOR PURCHASE OF A TRAPPER'S LICENSE FROM 13 YEARS OF AGE TO 12 YEARS OF AGE; REDUCING THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR PURCHASE OF A YOUTH TRAPPING LICENSE TO LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF AGE; CLARIFYING THAT THE FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMISSION REGULATES TRAPPING; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-601, 87-2-603, AND 87-2-605, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-601, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-601. Class C--trapper's license. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is ~~13~~ 12 years of age or older, upon making application and payment of a fee of \$20 to the department, may receive a Class C license ~~which shall authorize~~ that authorizes the holder ~~thereof~~ to trap fur-bearing animals and hunt bobcat, wolverine, and Canada lynx within the state of Montana at ~~such the~~ such the times and in ~~such the~~ such the manner ~~as may be lawful so to do under the laws of the state~~ provided by law and the regulations of the ~~department~~ commission and at ~~such the~~ such the places ~~as that~~ as that may be designated in ~~said the~~ the license."

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

"87-2-603. Class C-2--nonresident trapper's license. (1) ~~Any~~ A person not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is ~~13~~ 12 years of age or older, upon making application ~~to the department~~ and ~~paying~~ 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 within the state. ~~Such~~ The trapping or snaring is permitted only after October 15 of each license year; ~~and~~ and in ~~such the~~ such the manner ~~as may be lawful under the laws of the state~~ provided by law and the rules of the commission; and at ~~such the~~ such the places ~~as that~~ as that may be designated in the license.

(2) ~~Any~~ A person not a resident 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)."

Section 3. Section 87-2-605, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-605. Class C-3--youth trapping license. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is 6 years of age or older and less than ~~13~~ 12 years of age, upon making application and payment of a fee of \$3 to the department, may receive a Class C-3 license, ~~which that~~ that authorizes the holder to trap fur-bearing animals, the trapping of which has not been restricted by the commission, within the state ~~of Montana~~ at such the times and in such the manner ~~as may be lawful under the laws of the state~~ provided by law and the regulations of the ~~department~~ commission; and at such the places ~~as that~~ that may be designated in the license."

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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