

HOUSE BILL NO. 450

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF A PARTIAL RATHER THAN A FULL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON AN APPLICATION FOR A RECREATIONAL LICENSE, CONTINGENT UPON THE GRANT OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOWING THE USE OF THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND UPON WRITTEN CERTIFICATION THAT THE CONTINGENCY HAS OCCURRED; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-106 AND 87-2-202, MCA, AND SECTION 3, CHAPTER 321, LAWS OF 2001; AND PROVIDING ~~A CONTINGENT~~ AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A CONTINGENT TERMINATION DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-106, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-106. Application for license -- penalties for violation -- forfeiture of privileges. (1) A license may be procured from the director, a warden, or an authorized agent of the director. The applicant shall state the applicant's name, age, [last four digits of the applicant's social security number,] occupation, street address of permanent residence, mailing address, qualifying length of time as a resident in the state of Montana, and status as a citizen of the United States or as an alien and other facts, data, or descriptions as may be required by the department. An applicant for a resident license shall present a valid Montana driver's license, Montana driver's examiner's identification card, or other identification specified by the department to substantiate the required information. It is the applicant's burden to provide documentation establishing the applicant's identity and qualifications to purchase a license. It is a misdemeanor for a license agent to sell a hunting, fishing, or trapping license to an applicant who fails to produce the required identification at the time of application for licensure. Except as provided in subsections (2) through (4), the statements made by the applicant must be subscribed to before the officer or agent issuing the license.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), department employees or officers may issue licenses by telephone, by mail, on the internet, or by other electronic means. Statements on an application for a license to be issued by telephone, by mail, on the internet, or by other electronic means need not be subscribed to before the employee or officer.

(3) To apply for a license under the provisions of 87-2-102(7), the applicant shall apply to the director

and shall submit at the time of application a notarized affidavit that attests to fulfillment of the requirements of 87-2-102(7). The director shall process the application in an expedient manner.

(4) A resident may apply for and purchase a wildlife conservation license, hunting license, or fishing license for the resident's spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister who is otherwise qualified to obtain the license.

(5) A license is void unless subscribed to by the licensee.

(6) It is unlawful to subscribe to or make any statement, on an application or license, that is materially false. Any material false statement contained in an application renders the license issued pursuant to it void. A person violating any provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(7) It is unlawful for a nonresident to apply for or purchase for a nonresident's use the following resident licenses and permits:

(a) wildlife conservation license;

(b) hunting license or permit; or

(c) fishing license or permit.

(8) (a) A person not meeting the residency criteria set out in 87-2-102 who is convicted of affirming to or making a false statement to obtain a resident license or who is convicted of applying for or purchasing a resident license in violation of subsection (7) shall be:

(i) fined not less than the greater of \$100 or twice the cost of the nonresident license that authorized the sought-after privilege or more than \$1,000;

(ii) imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 6 months; or

(iii) both fined and imprisoned.

(b) In addition to the penalties specified in subsection (8)(a), upon conviction or forfeiture of bond or bail, the person shall forfeit any current hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and the privilege to hunt, fish, and trap in Montana for not less than 18 months.

(9) It is a misdemeanor for a person to purposely or knowingly assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license in violation of this section.

[(10) The department shall keep the applicant's social security number confidential, except that the number may be provided to the department of public health and human services for use in administering Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.]

(11) The department shall delete an applicant's social security number in any electronic database [5 years after the date that application is made for the most recent license]. (Bracketed language terminates or is amended on occurrence of contingency--sec. 3, Ch. 321, L. 2001.)"

Section 2. Section 87-2-202, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-202. Application -- fee -- expiration. (1) Except as provided in 87-2-803(12), a wildlife conservation license must be sold upon written application. The application must contain the applicant's name, age, [last four digits of the applicant's social security number,] occupation, street address of permanent residence, mailing address, qualifying length of time as a resident in the state of Montana, and status as a citizen of the United States or as an alien and must be signed by the applicant. The applicant shall present a valid Montana driver's license, a Montana driver's examiner's identification card, or other identification specified by the department to substantiate the required information when applying for a wildlife conservation license. It is the applicant's burden to provide documentation establishing the applicant's identity and qualifications to purchase a wildlife conservation license or to receive a free wildlife conservation license pursuant to 87-2-803(12). It is unlawful and a misdemeanor for a license agent to sell a wildlife conservation license to an applicant who fails to produce the required identification at the time of application for licensure.

(2) Hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses issued in a form determined by the department must be recorded according to rules that the department may prescribe.

(3) (a) Resident wildlife conservation licenses may be purchased for a fee of \$8, of which 25 cents is a search and rescue surcharge.

(b) Nonresident wildlife conservation licenses may be purchased for a fee of \$10, of which 25 cents is a search and rescue surcharge.

(c) In addition to the fee in subsection (3)(a), the first time in any license year that a resident uses the wildlife conservation license as a prerequisite to purchase a hunting license, an additional hunting access enhancement fee of \$2 is assessed. The additional fee may be used by the department only to encourage enhanced hunting access through the hunter management and hunting access enhancement programs established in 87-1-265 through 87-1-267. The wildlife conservation license must be marked appropriately when the hunting access enhancement fee is paid. The resident hunting access enhancement fee is chargeable only once during any license year.

(d) In addition to the fee in subsection (3)(b), the first time in any license year that a nonresident uses the wildlife conservation license as a prerequisite to purchase a hunting license, except a variably priced outfitter-sponsored Class B-10 or Class B-11 license issued under 87-1-268, an additional hunting access enhancement fee of \$10 is assessed. The additional fee may be used by the department only to encourage enhanced hunting access through the hunter management and hunting access enhancement programs established in 87-1-265 through 87-1-267. The wildlife conservation license must be marked appropriately when

the hunting access enhancement fee is paid. The nonresident hunting access enhancement fee is chargeable only once during any license year.

(4) Licenses issued are void after the last day of February next succeeding their issuance.

[(5) The department shall keep the applicant's social security number confidential, except that the number may be provided to the department of public health and human services for use in administering Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.]

(6) The department shall delete the applicant's social security number in any electronic database [5 years after the date that application is made for the most recent license]. (Bracketed language terminates or is amended on occurrence of contingency--sec. 3, Ch. 321, L. 2001; the \$2 wildlife conservation license fee increases in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) enacted by Ch. 596, L. 2003, are void on occurrence of contingency--sec. 8, Ch. 596, L. 2003.)"

Section 3. Section 3, Chapter 321, Laws of 2001, is amended to read:

"Section 3. Contingent termination. (1) If the director of the department of public health and human services certifies to the governor and the secretary of state in writing that the federal government has granted the state of Montana an exemption from the requirement that an applicant under 16 years of age provide a social security number on an application for a recreational license, the bracketed language in 87-2-106(1) and [section 1 of this act] and 87-2-202(1) and [section 2 of this act] must read: "last four digits of the social security number for an applicant 16 years of age or older".

(2) If the director of the department of public health and human services certifies to the governor and the secretary of state in writing that the federal government has granted the state of Montana an exemption from the requirement that a Montana resident provide a social security number on an application for a recreational license, the bracketed language in 87-2-106(1) and [section 1 of this act] and 87-2-202(1) and [section 2 of this act] must read: "social security number for a nonresident applicant, last four digits of the social security number for a resident applicant, a driver's license number, or a Montana identification card number issued by the department of justice for a resident who does not hold a Montana driver's license if the applicant has provided a social security number when applying for the Montana identification card".

(3) If the director of the department of public health and human services certifies to the governor and the secretary of state in writing that the federal government has granted the state of Montana an exemption from the requirement that any applicant provide a social security number on an application for a recreational license, the bracketed language in 87-2-106(1) and [section 1 of this act] and 87-2-202(1) and [section 2 of this act] must

read: "last four digits of the social security number for a nonresident applicant who does not hold and present a valid driver's license from the applicant's state of residence, last four digits of the social security number for a resident applicant, a driver's license number, or a Montana identification card number issued by the department of justice for a resident who does not hold a Montana driver's license if the applicant has provided a social security number when applying for the Montana identification card".

(4) If the director of the department of public health and human services certifies to the governor and the secretary of state in writing that the federal government, through repeal or amendment of federal law, no longer requires an applicant to provide a social security number on an application for a recreational license, the bracketed language in 87-2-106(1) and [section 1 of this act] and 87-2-202(1) and [section 2 of this act] is void, the bracketed language in ~~87-2-106(9)~~ 87-2-106(10) and 87-2-202(5) is void, and the bracketed language in ~~87-2-106(10)~~ 87-2-106(11) and 87-2-202(6) must read: "maintained by the department".

(5) The secretary of state shall notify the code commissioner of the occurrence of any of the contingencies described in subsections (1) through (4)."

~~NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Contingent effective date.** [This act] is effective upon certification by the director of the department of public health and human services to the governor and the secretary of state and written notification to the Montana code commissioner that the federal government has granted the state of Montana an exemption from the requirement that an applicant provide a full social security number on an application for a recreational license, allowing the use of the last four digits of the social security number instead of the full social security number.~~

NEW SECTION. **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

NEW SECTION. **SECTION 5. CONTINGENT TERMINATION.** [THIS ACT] TERMINATES 3 YEARS AFTER [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT] UNLESS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CERTIFIES TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CODE COMMISSIONER THAT AN EXTENSION TO THE USE OF THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR RECREATIONAL LICENSES HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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