

HOUSE BILL NO. 591
INTRODUCED BY G. EVERETT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATED TO SPECIAL HUNTING LICENSES; PROVIDING THAT AN APPLICANT MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO APPLY FOR A MOOSE, MOUNTAIN GOAT, OR MOUNTAIN SHEEP LICENSE; INCREASING THE FEES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT MOUNTAIN GOAT AND MOUNTAIN SHEEP LICENSES; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON MAY TAKE ONLY ONE MOUNTAIN GOAT AND ONE MALE MOUNTAIN SHEEP WITH A SPECIAL LICENSE; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON WHO RECEIVES ANY MOUNTAIN SHEEP LICENSE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANOTHER SPECIAL LICENSE FOR THAT SPECIES FOR THE NEXT 7 YEARS; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR ONLY A MOOSE LICENSE, MOUNTAIN GOAT LICENSE, OR MOUNTAIN SHEEP LICENSE DURING ANY LICENSE YEAR; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-701 AND 87-2-702, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-701, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-701. Special licenses. (1) An applicant who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued and who is the holder of a resident wildlife conservation license or a nonresident wildlife conservation license may apply for a special license that, in the judgment of the department, is to be issued and shall pay the following fees:

~~(a) moose--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$750;~~

~~—— (b) mountain goat--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$750;~~

~~—— (c) mountain sheep--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$750;~~

(d)(a) antelope--resident, \$14; nonresident, \$200;

(e)(b) grizzly bear--resident, \$50; nonresident, \$300;

(f)(c) black bear--nonresident, \$350;

(g)(d) wild buffalo or bison--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$750.

(2) An applicant who is 16 years of age or older or who will turn 16 years of age before or during the season for which the license is issued and who is the holder of a resident wildlife conservation license or a nonresident wildlife conservation license may apply for a special license that, in the judgment of the department,

is to be issued and shall pay the following fees:

- (a) moose--resident, \$125; nonresident, \$750;
- (b) mountain goat--resident, \$250; nonresident, \$1,500;
- (c) mountain sheep--resident, \$250; nonresident, \$1,500.

~~(2)~~(3) If a holder of a valid special grizzly bear license who is 12 years of age or older kills a grizzly bear, the person shall purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$25 within 10 days after the date of the kill. The trophy license authorizes the holder to possess and transport the trophy.

~~(3)~~(4) Special licenses must be issued in a manner prescribed by the department."

Section 2. Section 87-2-702, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-702. Restrictions on special licenses. (1) A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer, an elk, or an antelope, during the current license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal of the same species.

(2) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid big game license for that species for the current year prior to applying for a special permit.

(3) A person may take only one grizzly bear, mountain goat, or male mountain sheep in Montana with a license authorized by 87-2-701.

(4) ~~(a)~~ Except as provided in 87-1-271(2), a person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or ~~limited~~ mountain sheep license, with the exception of an adult ewe license, as authorized by 87-2-701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. ~~For the purposes of this subsection (4)(a), "limited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is restricted.~~

~~(b) Except as provided in 87-1-271(2), a person who takes a mountain sheep using an unlimited mountain sheep license, with the exception of a mountain sheep taken pursuant to an adult ewe license, as authorized by 87-2-701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (4)(b), "unlimited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is not restricted.~~

(5) A person may apply for only a moose license, mountain goat license, or mountain sheep license during any license year."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2008.

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