

HOUSE BILL NO. 673
INTRODUCED BY R. HAMILTON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LAW THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN NONRESIDENT CHILDREN OF RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE NONRESIDENT LICENSES AT A REDUCED COST BY INCLUDING A 15-YEAR PRIOR MONTANA RESIDENCY AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE; EXTENDING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT CHILD OF A RESIDENT MAY PURCHASE NONRESIDENT LICENSES AT A REDUCED COST; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-514, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-514, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-514. Nonresident child of resident allowed to purchase nonresident licenses at reduced cost. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is the natural or adopted child of a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and who meets the qualifications of subsection (3) may purchase a Class B nonresident fishing license, a Class B-1 nonresident upland game bird license, and a Class B-7 nonresident deer A tag at the reduced cost specified in subsection (2) and may purchase a Class B-15 nonresident child's elk license as provided in 87-2-515. This section does not allow a nonresident child of a resident to purchase nonresident combination licenses at a reduced price.

(2) The fee for a nonresident license purchased pursuant to subsection (1) is twice the amount charged for an equivalent resident license. The nonresident child shall also purchase a nonresident wildlife conservation license as prescribed in 87-2-202 and pay the nonresident hunting access enhancement fee in 87-2-202(3)(d) if the nonresident child purchases a hunting license.

(3) To qualify for a license pursuant to subsection (1), a nonresident child of a resident shall apply at any department regional office or at the department's state office in Helena and present proof of the following:

(a) a birth certificate verifying the applicant's birth in Montana or proof of prior Montana residency for at least 15 years;

(b) a high school diploma from a Montana public, private, or home school or certified verification that the applicant has passed the general education development test in Montana; and

(c) proof that the applicant has a natural or adoptive parent who is a current Montana resident, as defined

in 87-2-102.

(4) A qualified nonresident child of a resident may purchase licenses pursuant to subsection (1) for up to 6 15 license years after receiving a diploma or passing the general education development test as provided in subsection (3)(b).

(5) A nonresident child of a resident who has been issued a hunting license pursuant to this section is not eligible to apply for or be issued any nonresident special permit.

(6) A nonresident child of a resident who has been issued a hunting license pursuant to this section must be accompanied by a licensed resident family member while hunting in the field."

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

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