

SENATE BILL NO. 112
INTRODUCED BY D. LEWIS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN FREE FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED A PURPLE HEART IN SERVICE WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO RECOUP THE COSTS OF THE LICENSES ON A BIENNIAL BASIS; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-801, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-801, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-801. Residents over sixty-two years of age -- resident or nonresident legion of valor members -- resident purple heart awardees. (1) A resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is 62 years of age or older is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department. The form of the license must be prescribed by the department.

(2) A resident who is 62 years of age or older is also entitled to purchase a Class A-3 deer A tag for \$10 and a Class A-5 elk tag for \$12.

(3) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, or a nonresident who is a legion of valor member is entitled to fish with a conservation license issued by the department.

(4) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who has been awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department. The department may be reimbursed from the general fund during each subsequent biennium for license costs associated with the free fishing and game bird licenses granted pursuant to this subsection during the preceding biennium."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2008.

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