

SENATE BILL NO. 112
INTRODUCED BY D. LEWIS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN FREE FISHING AND HUNTING ~~LICENSES~~ PRIVILEGES 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 LICENSE COSTS OF THE LICENSES ON A BIENNIAL ASSOCIATED WITH THE FISHING AND HUNTING PRIVILEGES ON A QUARTERLY 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 DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL LICENSE ACCOUNT MUST BE REIMBURSED BY A QUARTERLY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GENERAL LICENSE ACCOUNT for license costs associated with the free fishing and game bird licenses HUNTING PRIVILEGES granted pursuant to this subsection during the preceding biennium CALENDAR QUARTER. REIMBURSEMENT COSTS MUST BE DESIGNATED AS LICENSE REVENUE."

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

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