

SENATE BILL NO. 118

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, BALLANCE, BOULANGER, CONNELL, EHLI, GREEF, JENT, PHILLIPS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SETTING ASIDE CERTAIN SPECIAL HUNTING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE 65 OR OLDER; AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE BY DRAWING; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Special mountain goat and mountain sheep licenses for residents 65 years of age or older. (1) Of the total number of special mountain goat or special limited mountain sheep licenses to be issued in a license year, eight must be set aside for each species for purchase by residents who are 65 years of age or older and who:

(a) have applied as a resident for and have been unsuccessful in obtaining a special license for that species in at least 10 license years since the inception of the automated licensing system; and

(b) have never obtained that license.

(2) The use of special licenses issued pursuant to this section is limited to hunting districts with more than one available license for that species. Only one applicant who obtains a license pursuant to this section may use that license in each hunting district.

(3) In the event the number of valid applications received exceeds the number of special mountain goat or special limited mountain sheep licenses available pursuant to this section, the licenses must be awarded by a drawing. ~~Applicants who are unsuccessful in a drawing must be entered in the general drawing for that license.~~ In the event there are fewer applicants than the number of licenses available, the remaining licenses must be awarded through the general drawing for that species.

(4) A person who receives a license pursuant to this section is not eligible to receive the same license again under this section or through the general drawing for that species.

(5) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 2, part 7, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 2, part 7, apply to [section 1].

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2 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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4 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. TERMINATION. [THIS ACT] TERMINATES DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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