

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 128

2 INTRODUCED BY R. SHAW

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING WAITING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MOUNTAIN
6 SHEEP LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-702, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-702, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"87-2-702. Restrictions on special licenses -- availability of bear and mountain lion licenses. (1)**12 A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer, an elk, or an antelope, during the current
13 license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal
14 of the same species.15 (2) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid
16 big game license for that species for the current year prior to applying for a special permit.17 (3) Except as provided in 87-2-815, a person may take only one grizzly bear in Montana with a license
18 authorized by 87-2-701.19 (4) (a) Except as provided in 87-1-271(2) and 87-2-815, a person who receives a moose, mountain goat,
20 or limited mountain sheep license, as authorized by 87-2-701, with the exception of an antlerless moose or an
21 adult ewe game management license issued under 87-2-104, is not eligible to receive another special license
22 for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (4)(a), "limited mountain sheep license"
23 means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is restricted.24 (b) Except as provided in 87-1-271(2) and 87-2-815, a person who takes a mountain sheep with both
25 horns equal to or greater than a three-fourths curl using an unlimited mountain sheep license, ~~with the exception~~
26 ~~of a mountain sheep taken pursuant to an adult ewe license~~, as authorized by 87-2-701, is not eligible to receive
27 another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (4)(b), "unlimited
28 mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is not
29 restricted.

30 (5) An application for a wild buffalo or bison license must be made on the same form and is subject to

1 the same license application deadline as the special license for moose, mountain goat, and mountain sheep.

2 (6) (a) Licenses for spring bear hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after April
3 15 of any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a spring bear hunt after April 15 of any
4 license year may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.

5 (b) Licenses for fall bear hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after August 31 of
6 any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a fall bear hunt after August 31 of any license
7 year may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.

8 (7) Licenses for mountain lion hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after August
9 31 of any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a mountain lion hunt after August 31 of
10 any license year may not use the license until 5 days after the license is issued."

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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