

1 SENATE BILL NO. 171

2 INTRODUCED BY C. SMITH

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RESTRICTION OF DEER TAGS IN CERTAIN
5 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-2-506, MCA."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-506, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"87-2-506. Restrictions on hunting licenses.** (1) The department may prescribe by rule the number
11 of hunting licenses to be issued. Any license sold may be restricted to a specific administrative region, hunting
12 district, or other designated area and may specify the species, age, and sex to be taken and the time period for
13 which the license is valid.14 (2) When the number of valid resident applications for big game licenses or permits of a single class or
15 type exceeds the number of licenses or permits the department desires to issue in an administrative region,
16 hunting district, or other designated area, then the number of big game licenses or permits issued to nonresident
17 license or permitholders in the region, district, or area may not exceed 10% of the total issued.18 (3) Disabled veterans who meet the qualifying criteria provided in 87-2-817(1) must be provided a total
19 of 50 Class A-3 deer A tags, 50 Class A-4 deer B tags, 50 Class B-7 deer A tags, 50 Class B-8 deer B tags, and
20 50 special antelope licenses annually, which may be used within the administrative region, hunting district, or
21 other designated area of the disabled veteran's choice, except in a region, district, or area where the number of
22 licenses are less than the number of applicants, in which case qualifying disabled veterans are eligible for no
23 more than 10% of the total licenses for that region, district, or area.24 (4) The department may not restrict the use of Class A-3 or Class B-7 tags as the result of a hunter being
25 issued an unlimited deer permit."

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