

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING ONLY PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO HUNT TO APPLY  
5 FOR BONUS POINTS; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-117, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE  
6 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 87-2-117, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"87-2-117. License bonus point system.** (1) The commission shall establish a bonus point system  
12 that gives an applicant who has purchased more bonus points more chances to receive a license, tag, or permit  
13 over an applicant who has purchased fewer bonus points.

14 (2) A person may purchase only one bonus point per species per license year and may:

15 (a) purchase a bonus point when applying for a license, tag, or permit by paying the fee established in  
16 87-2-113(2) per species; or

17 (b) if the person is otherwise eligible to apply for a license, tag, or permit, purchase a bonus point  
18 without applying for a the license, tag, or permit by paying the fee established in subsection (5). An applicant  
19 not applying for a license, tag, or permit may purchase a bonus point only between July 1 and September 30 in  
20 the current license year.

21 (3) The department may only apply any accumulated bonus points to a person's chance to obtain a  
22 license, tag, or permit if the person purchases a bonus point when applying for the license, tag, or permit.

23 (4) Bonus points may only be applied to first choice drawings.

24 (5) (a) A resident who does not apply for a license, tag, or permit may purchase a bonus point for \$15  
25 for each species for which a bonus point is made available by the commission.

26 (b) A nonresident who does not apply for a license, tag, or permit may purchase a bonus point for \$25  
27 for each species for which a bonus point is made available by the commission, except that the fee is \$75 for  
28 moose, mountain goat, mountain sheep, and wild buffalo or bison.

1           (6) The department may not delete a person's accumulated bonus points unless the person obtains  
2 the license, tag, or permit associated with the bonus points, in which case the department shall delete the  
3 person's accumulated bonus points.

4           (7) (a) Except as provided in subsection (7)(b), the department shall square the number of points  
5 purchased by a person per species when conducting drawings for licenses, tags, and permits.

6           (b) For persons applying for licenses, tags, or permits as a party, the department shall calculate the  
7 average number of bonus points accumulated by the individuals listed on the party application, rounded to the  
8 nearest whole number, and square the average. Each individual retains their own bonus points unless the party  
9 obtains the licenses, tags, or permits associated with the bonus points, in which case the department shall  
10 delete each person's accumulated bonus points."

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12           NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2022.

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