

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

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

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING A WOLF LICENSE TO BIG GAME COMBINATION  
5 HUNTING LICENSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-505, 87-2-510, 87-2-511, 87-2-523, 87-2-524, AND 87-2-  
6 711, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED 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 87-2-505, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"87-2-505. Class B-10--nonresident big game combination license.** (1) Except as otherwise  
12 provided in this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or  
13 older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued may, upon  
14 payment of the fee of \$981 and subject to the limitations prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to  
15 the fish, wildlife, and parks office, Helena, Montana, to purchase a B-10 nonresident big game combination  
16 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to all the privileges of Class B, Class B-1, and  
17 Class B-7, and Class E-2 licenses and an elk tag.

18 (2) Not more than 17,000 Class B-10 licenses may be sold in any 1 license year.

19 (3) Of the fee paid for the purchase of a Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license  
20 pursuant to subsection (1), 28.5% must be deposited in the account established in 87-1-290.

21 (4) The cost of the Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license must be adjusted annually  
22 based on any change to the consumer price index from the previous year. The consumer price index to be used  
23 for calculations is the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U). The adjusted cost must be  
24 rounded down to the nearest even-numbered amount."

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26 **Section 2.** Section 87-2-510, MCA, is amended to read:

27 **"87-2-510. Class B-11--nonresident deer combination license.** (1) (a) Except as otherwise  
28 provided in this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or

1 older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued may, upon  
 2 payment of a fee of \$577 and subject to the limitations prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to  
 3 the fish, wildlife, and parks office, Helena, Montana, to purchase a Class B-11 nonresident deer combination  
 4 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to all the privileges of the Class B, Class B-1, ~~and~~  
 5 Class B-7, and Class E-2 licenses.

6 (b) Of the fee paid for the purchase of a Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license pursuant to  
 7 subsection (1)(a), 28.5% must be deposited in the account established in 87-1-290.

8 (c) The cost of the Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license must be adjusted annually based  
 9 on any change to the consumer price index from the previous year. The consumer price index to be used for  
 10 calculations is the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U). The adjusted cost must be rounded  
 11 down to the nearest even-numbered amount.

12 (2) Not more than 4,600 unreserved Class B-11 licenses may be sold in any 1 license year."  
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14 **Section 3.** Section 87-2-511, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"87-2-511. Sale and use of Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses.** (1) The department shall offer the  
 16 Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses for sale on April 1, with 2,000 of the authorized Class B-11 licenses  
 17 reserved for applicants indicating their intent to hunt with a resident sponsor on land owned by that sponsor, as  
 18 provided in subsections (2) and (3).

19 (2) Each application for a resident-sponsored license under subsection (1) must contain a written  
 20 affirmation by the applicant that the applicant intends to hunt with a resident sponsor and must indicate the  
 21 name of the resident sponsor with whom the applicant intends to hunt. In addition, the application must be  
 22 accompanied by a certificate that is signed by a resident sponsor and that affirms that the resident sponsor will:

23 (a) direct the applicant's hunting and advise the applicant of game and trespass laws of the state;

24 (b) submit to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, complete records of who  
 25 hunted with the resident sponsor, where they hunted, and what game was taken; and

26 (c) accept no monetary consideration for enabling the nonresident applicant to obtain a license or for  
 27 providing any services or assistance to the nonresident applicant, except as provided in Title 37, chapter 47,  
 28 and this title.

1 (3) The certificate signed by the resident sponsor pursuant to subsection (2) must also affirm that the  
 2 sponsor is a landowner and that the applicant under the certificate will hunt only on land owned by the sponsor.  
 3 If there is a sufficient number of licenses set forth in subsection (1), the department shall issue a license to one  
 4 applicant sponsored by each resident landowner who owns 640 or more contiguous acres. If enough licenses  
 5 remain for a second applicant for each resident landowner sponsor, the department shall issue a license to the  
 6 second applicant sponsored by each resident landowner. The department shall conduct a drawing for any  
 7 remaining resident-sponsored licenses. If there is not a sufficient number of licenses set forth in subsection (1)  
 8 to allow each resident landowner who owns 640 contiguous acres to sponsor one applicant, the department  
 9 shall conduct a drawing for the resident-sponsored licenses. However, a resident sponsor of a Class B-11  
 10 license may submit no more than 15 certificates of sponsorship in any license year.

11 (4) A nonresident who hunts under the authority of a resident landowner-sponsored license shall  
 12 conduct all deer hunting on the deeded lands of the sponsoring landowner.

13 (5) All Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses that are not reserved under subsection (1) must be issued  
 14 by a drawing among all applicants for the respective unreserved licenses.

15 (6) (a) An applicant who applies for a Class B-10 license and an applicable special elk permit but  
 16 who is not successful in a drawing for the special elk permit may choose to retain only the Class B-7 portion of  
 17 the Class B-10 license. The department shall sell the Class B-7 portion as a Class B-11 license for the fee set  
 18 in 87-2-510. The provisions of this subsection (6)(a) do not affect the limits established in 87-2-510(2). The  
 19 remaining elk tag portion of the Class B-10 license must be sold by the department as an elk-only combination  
 20 license for a fee of \$831 that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to all the privileges of Class B,  
 21 Class B-1, and Class E-2 licenses and an elk tag.

22 (b) Subject to the statutory quota provided in 87-2-505, if the department determines all available elk-  
 23 only combination licenses have sold by December 1 in any license year, the cost of the elk-only combination  
 24 license must be adjusted for the subsequent license year based on any change to the consumer price index  
 25 from the previous year. The consumer price index to be used for calculations is the consumer price index for all  
 26 urban consumers (CPI-U). The adjusted cost must be rounded down to the nearest even-numbered amount  
 27 and applies to subsequent license years unless the conditions of this subsection are met.

28 (c) The department may retain 10% of the Class B-10 license fee if an applicant chooses to buy only

1 a portion of the Class B-10 license pursuant to subsection (6)(a) after the Class B-10 license has been issued  
 2 to the applicant.

3 (d) The revenue collected pursuant to this subsection (6) must be deposited in the state special  
 4 revenue account to the credit of the department and may not be allocated pursuant to other statutory  
 5 requirements generally applicable to Class B-10 or Class B-11 licenses."  
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7 **Section 4.** Section 87-2-523, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"87-2-523. Class E-1--resident wolf license.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and in  
 9 subsection (2) of this section, a person who is a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and who is 12 years of age or  
 10 older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of  
 11 a fee of \$12, may receive a Class E-1 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt a  
 12 wolf and possess the carcass of the wolf as authorized by commission rules.

13 ~~(2) A resident holder of a Class AAA combination sports license, regardless of whether it includes a~~  
 14 ~~Class A-6 bear tag, may purchase the first Class E-1 license the person obtains in that license year for \$10.~~

15 ~~(3)(2)~~ A person who purchases a license pursuant to this section after August 31 may not use the  
 16 license until 24 hours after the license is issued.

17 ~~(4)(3)~~ Fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited and used in accordance with 87-1-  
 18 623."  
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20 **Section 5.** Section 87-2-524, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"87-2-524. Class E-2--nonresident wolf license.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter  
 22 and in subsection (2) of this section, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years  
 23 of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon  
 24 payment of a fee of \$50, may receive a Class E-2 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older  
 25 to hunt a wolf and possess the carcass of the wolf as authorized by commission rules.

26 ~~(2) A nonresident holder of a valid Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license or Class B-~~  
 27 ~~11 deer combination license may purchase the first Class E-2 license the person obtains in that license year for~~  
 28 ~~one-half the cost.~~

1           ~~(3)~~(2) A person who purchases a license pursuant to this section after August 31 may not use the  
2 license until 24 hours after the license is issued.

3           ~~(4)~~(3) Fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited and used in accordance with 87-1-  
4 623."

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6           **Section 6.** Section 87-2-711, MCA, is amended to read:

7           **"87-2-711. Class AAA--combination sports license.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this  
8 chapter, a resident, as defined by 87-2-102, who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before  
9 or during the season for which the license is issued is entitled to:

10           (a) a combination sports license that permits a holder who is 12 years of age or older to exercise all  
11 rights granted to holders of Class A, A-1, A-3, ~~and A-5,~~ and Class E-1 licenses upon payment of the sum of  
12 \$62; or

13           (b) a combination sports license that permits a holder who is 12 years of age or older to exercise all  
14 rights granted in subsection (1)(a) and the additional rights granted to holders of a Class A-6 tag upon payment  
15 of the sum of \$77.

16           (2) The department may furnish each holder of a combination sports license an appropriate decal."  
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18           NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2022.

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