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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING A FREE SUPER TAG CHANCE TO EACH MONTANA
6 RESIDENT WHO PURCHASES A DEER OR ELK LICENSE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY;
7 AMENDING SECTION 87-2-702, MCA; AND PROVIDING ~~AN IMMEDIATE~~ A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Annual lottery of hunting licenses -- residents only. (1) For each deer
12 or elk general license purchased by a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, the department shall award the resident
13 one free chance in the lottery established by this section.

14 (2) The commission may issue one license each license year for one of the following:

- 15 (a) shiras moose;
- 16 (b) mountain sheep; or
- 17 (c) mountain goat.

18 (3) (a) The restriction in 87-2-702(4) that a person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or
19 mountain sheep special license is not eligible to receive another license for that species for the next 7 years
20 does not apply to a person who receives a license through a lottery conducted pursuant to this section.

21 (b) Residents participating in the lottery pursuant to this section may also participate in the lottery
22 established in 87-1-271.

23 (4) The commission shall establish rules regarding:

- 24 (a) the conduct of the lottery authorized in this section;
- 25 (b) the use of licenses issued through the lottery; and
- 26 (c) the rotation between the three species each year.

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28 **Section 2.** Section 87-2-702, MCA, is amended to read:

1 research the interaction between mountain sheep and domestic sheep.]

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

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

4 (Bracketed language in subsection (4)(b) terminates July 1, 2027--sec. 3, Ch. 186, L. 2017.)."

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6 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
7 integral part of Title 87, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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9 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective ~~on passage and approval~~ March 1,

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