

1 SENATE BILL NO. 354

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO RECIPROCITY FOR  
5 NONRESIDENTS SEEKING TO TRAP IN MONTANA; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-603, MCA; AND  
6 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE 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 87-2-603, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"87-2-603. Class C-2--nonresident trapper's license -- reciprocity.** (1) A person not a resident, as  
12 defined in 87-2-102, who is 12 years of age or older, ~~upon~~on making application and payment of a fee of \$250  
13 to the department, is entitled to a nonresident trapper's license that authorizes the holder to trap and snare  
14 predatory animals, ~~and nongame wildlife, and, subject to the provisions of subsection (2), certain fur-bearing~~  
15 species within the state. The trapping or snaring is permitted only after October 15 of each license year and in  
16 the manner provided by law and the rules of the commission and at the places that may be designated in the  
17 license.

18 (2) ~~A person not a resident whose state of residence does not sell nonresident trapper's licenses~~  
19 ~~to Montanans may not be issued a Class C-2 license under subsection (1).~~ A person seeking a license to trap  
20 fur-bearing species under this subsection (2) shall:

21 (a) provide a notarized affidavit on a form approved by the department listing the person's legal  
22 residence, including the state; and

23 (b) (i) provide documentation that the person's resident state issues nonresident trapping licenses  
24 that allow Montana residents to trap the same species for which the person seeks to trap in Montana; or

25 (ii) attest on the affidavit that the person's resident state does not offer reciprocity for trapping the  
26 fur-bearing species the person seeks to trap in Montana because the species does not exist in the resident  
27 state; AND

28 (c) PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON COMPLETED A TRAPPING EDUCATION COURSE THAT IS

1 EQUIVALENT TO THE TRAPPING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS."

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3 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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