

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

INTRODUCED BY R. SHAW

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING WAITING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MOUNTAIN SHEEP LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-702, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-702, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-702. Restrictions on special licenses -- availability of bear and mountain lion licenses. (1)

A person who has killed or taken any game animal, except a deer, an elk, or an antelope, during the current license year is not permitted to receive a special license under this chapter to hunt or kill a second game animal of the same species.

(2) The commission may require applicants for special permits authorized by this chapter to obtain a valid big game license for that species for the current year prior to applying for a special permit.

(3) Except as provided in 87-2-815, a person may take only one grizzly bear in Montana with a license authorized by 87-2-701.

(4) (a) Except as provided in 87-1-271(2) and 87-2-815, a person who receives a moose, mountain goat, or limited mountain sheep license, as authorized by 87-2-701, with the exception of an antlerless moose or an adult ewe game management license issued under 87-2-104, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (4)(a), "limited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is restricted.

(b) Except as provided in 87-1-271(2) and 87-2-815, a person who takes a mountain sheep with both horns equal to or greater than a three-fourths curl using an unlimited mountain sheep license, ~~with the exception of a mountain sheep taken pursuant to an adult ewe license,~~ as authorized by 87-2-701, is not eligible to receive another special license for that species for the next 7 years. For the purposes of this subsection (4)(b), "unlimited mountain sheep license" means a license that is valid for an area in which the number of licenses issued is not restricted.

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

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

2 (6) (a) Licenses for spring bear hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after April
3 15 of any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a spring bear hunt after April 15 of any
4 license year may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.

5 (b) Licenses for fall bear hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after August 31 of
6 any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a fall bear hunt after August 31 of any license
7 year may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.

8 (7) Licenses for mountain lion hunts must be available for purchase at department offices after August
9 31 of any license year. However, a person who purchases a license for a mountain lion hunt after August 31 of
10 any license year may not use the license until 5 days after the license is issued."

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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