

HOUSE BILL NO. 152

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZENS TO USE A GENERAL ELK TAG TO TAKE AN ANTLERLESS ELK IN CERTAIN AREAS AT CERTAIN TIMES; REORGANIZING STATUTES CONCERNING LEGION OF VALOR MEMBERS AND PURPLE HEART AWARDEES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-801 AND 87-6-921, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-801, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-801. Residents over 62 years of age --resident or nonresident legion of valor members-- purple heart awardees. (1) A resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is 62 years of age or older is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department. The form of the license must be prescribed by the department.

(2) A resident who is 62 years of age or older is also entitled to purchase a Class A-3 deer A tag for \$10 and a Class A-5 elk tag for \$12.

(3) During the last week of the regular hunting season or at any time during an extended or a late elk season, a resident who is 62 years of age or older may use an A-5 elk tag to take an antlerless elk in any hunting district where the elk population is over objective, as determined by the department, or for which an A-9 antlerless elk B tag was issued during the license year. This subsection (3) does not allow a person to purchase more than one A-5 tag, whether purchased individually or as part of a Class AAA combination sports license, per license year.

~~(3) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, or a nonresident who is a legion of valor member is entitled to fish with a conservation license issued by the department.~~

~~(4) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who has been awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department.~~

~~(5) Regardless of age, a nonresident who has been awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation~~

1 license issued by the department during expeditions arranged for the nonresident by a nonprofit organization that
 2 uses fishing and hunting as part of the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.

3 ~~—— (6) The department's general license account must be reimbursed by a quarterly transfer of funds from
 4 the general fund to the general license account for license costs associated with the fishing and game bird
 5 hunting privileges granted pursuant to subsections (4) and (5) during the preceding calendar quarter.
 6 Reimbursement costs must be designated as license revenue."~~

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 8 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Licenses for legion of valor members -- purple heart awardees.** (1) A
 9 resident, as defined in 87-2-102, or a nonresident who is a legion of valor member is entitled to fish with a wildlife
 10 conservation license issued by the department.

11 (2) A resident, as defined in 87-2-102, awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the
 12 United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a wildlife conservation license
 13 issued by the department.

14 (3) A nonresident awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled
 15 to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a wildlife conservation license issued by the
 16 department during expeditions arranged for the nonresident by a nonprofit organization that uses fishing and
 17 hunting as part of the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.

18 (4) The department's general license account must be reimbursed by a quarterly transfer of funds from
 19 the general fund to the general license account for license costs associated with the fishing and game bird
 20 hunting privileges granted pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) during the preceding calendar quarter.
 21 Reimbursement costs must be designated as license revenue.

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 23 **Section 3.** Section 87-6-921, MCA, is amended to read:

24 **"87-6-921. Revocation of exception.** If a person is convicted of a violation of the fish and game laws
 25 or regulations of Montana, the privilege conferred by 87-2-801 through 87-2-803 or [section 2] must be revoked
 26 for not less than 6 months."

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 28 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an
 29 integral part of Title 87, chapter 2, part 8, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 2, part 8, apply to [section 2].

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