

SENATE BILL 376

Introduced by Waterman, et al.

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Senate BILL NO. *376*

INTRODUCED BY *Margaret Anderson* *John B. Brannan*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LANDOWNER ELK HUNTING PREFERENCE TO THE HUNTING OF ANTLERLESS ELK; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-2-705, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-705, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-705. Drawing for special elk permits. (1) In the event the number of valid applications for special elk permits for a hunting district exceeds the quota set by the department for the district, these permits shall be awarded by a drawing. The department shall provide for those persons making valid application for special elk permits a method of selecting first, second, and third choice hunting districts for any drawing held pursuant to this section.

(2) Subject to the limitation of subsection (4), a person who holds fee title to 640 acres or more of contiguous land, at least some of which is used by elk, in a hunting district where elk permits are awarded under this section shall be issued, upon application, a permit to hunt antlerless elk in the hunting district under the terms and conditions of the permit.

(3) An applicant who receives a permit under subsection

(2) may designate that the permit be issued to an immediate family member or a person employed by the landowner. A corporation owning qualifying land under subsection (2) may designate one of its shareholders to receive the permit.

(4) Fifteen percent of the special antlerless elk permits available each year under this section in a hunting district must be available to landowners under subsection (2).

(5) The department may promulgate the rules necessary to implement this section."

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