

HOUSE BILL NO. 719

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1 *House* BILL NO. *719*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Deshaun Ellison Ryan Roush*  
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: *AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE*  
 5 NONRESIDENT BIG GAME COMBINATION LICENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR A  
 6 NONRESIDENT ELK LICENSE; TO REMOVE THE AREA RESTRICTIONS ON  
 7 NONRESIDENT DEER LICENSES; AND TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF  
 8 NONRESIDENT ELK AND DEER LICENSES WHICH MAY BE SOLD;  
 9 AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-504 AND 87-2-506, MCA; REPEALING  
 10 SECTION 87-2-505, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE  
 11 DATE."

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

14 NEW SECTION Section 1. Class B-12--nonresident elk  
 15 license. A person not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102,  
 16 who will be 12 years of age or older prior to September 15  
 17 of the season for which the license is issued and who is the  
 18 holder of a nonresident conservation license may, upon  
 19 payment of the fee of \$250 and subject to the limitations  
 20 prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to the  
 21 fish and game office, Helena, Montana, to purchase a B-12  
 22 nonresident elk license that entitles the holder to pursue,  
 23 hunt, shoot, and kill elk and possess the carcass thereof.  
 24 No more than 17,000 Class B-12 licenses may be sold in any  
 25 one license year.

1 Section 2. Section 87-2-504, MCA, is amended to read:  
 2 "87-2-504. Class B-7 and B-8--nonresident deer  
 3 licenses. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a  
 4 person not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who will  
 5 be 12 years of age or older prior to September 15 of the  
 6 season for which the license is issued and is a holder of a  
 7 nonresident conservation license may, upon payment of the  
 8 proper fee or fees and subject to the limitations prescribed  
 9 by law and department regulation, be entitled to apply to  
 10 the fish and game office, Helena, Montana, to purchase one  
 11 each of the following licenses: Class B-7, deer A tag,  
 12 \$100; Class B-8, deer B tag, \$50; and ~~that~~ will entitle the  
 13 holder to pursue, hunt, shoot, and kill the game animal or  
 14 animals authorized by the license held and to possess the  
 15 carcasses of those animals as authorized by department  
 16 rules. ~~Unless--purchased-as-part-of-a-B-12-license--a-Class~~  
 17 ~~B-7--license--must--be--assigned--for--use--in--a--specific~~  
 18 ~~administrative-region-or-portion-thereof No more than 20,000~~  
 19 ~~Class B-7 licenses may be sold in any one license year, and~~  
 20 ~~no area restrictions may be imposed on such licenses."~~

21 Section 3. Section 87-2-506, MCA, is amended to read:  
 22 "87-2-506. Restrictions on hunting licenses. (1) The  
 23 ~~Except where provided by law, the~~ department may prescribe  
 24 by rule the number of hunting licenses to be issued. Any  
 25 license sold may be restricted to a specific administrative

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1 region, hunting district, or other designated area and may  
2 specify the species, age, and sex to be taken and the time  
3 period for which the license is valid.

4 (2) When the number of valid resident applications for  
5 licenses or permits of a single class or type exceeds the  
6 number of licenses or permits the department desires to  
7 issue in an administrative region, hunting district, or  
8 other designated area, then the number of licenses or  
9 permits issued to nonresident license or permit holders in  
10 the region, district, or area may not exceed 10% of the  
11 total issued."

12 ~~NEW SECTION.~~ Section 4. Repealer. Section 87-2-505,  
13 MCA, is repealed.

14 ~~NEW SECTION.~~ Section 5. Codification instruction.  
15 Section 1 is intended to be codified as an integral part of  
16 Title 87, chapter 2, part 5.

17 ~~NEW SECTION.~~ Section 6. Effective date. This act is  
18 effective on passage and approval.

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FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 14, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 719 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 719 eliminates the nonresident big game combination license; provides for nonresident elk license; removes area restrictions on nonresident deer licenses; and limits the number of nonresident elk and deer licenses sold.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is impossible to determine the fiscal impact of this bill. We currently sell 17,000 big game licenses at \$275 for a total income of \$4,675,000. This represents 43% of our total license revenue. It is impossible to estimate the licenses that the nonresident would purchase if they were not part of a combination license. Several other conditions that could effect license sales are the national economy and fee changes in other states with similar licenses.

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