

SENATE BILL 306

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1 *Senate* BILL NO. *306*
2 INTRODUCED BY *Sen. Jenkins*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO MAKE ALL CLASS
6 A-4 LICENSES WITH UNLIMITED QUOTAS AVAILABLE FOR SALE BY
7 LICENSE AGENTS IN THE CITY OR TOWN NEAREST TO THE HUNTING
8 DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS VALID; AMENDING SECTION
9 87-2-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

12 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-501, MCA, is amended to read:

13 ***87-2-501. Class A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7--resident**
14 **deer, elk, and bear licenses -- special Class A-7 license**
15 **requirements and preference -- sale of Class A-4 licenses.**

16 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a
17 resident, as defined by 87-2-102, who will be 12 years of
18 age or older prior to September 15 of the season for which
19 the license is issued may, upon payment of the proper fee or
20 fees, be entitled to purchase one each of the following
21 licenses at the prescribed cost which will entitle the
22 holder to pursue, hunt, shoot, and kill the game animal or
23 animals authorized by the license held and to possess the
24 carcasses of those game animals as authorized by department
25 rules:

- 1 (a) Class A-3, deer A tag, \$9;
2 (b) Class A-4, deer B tag, \$6;
3 (c) Class A-5, elk tag, \$10;
4 (d) Class A-6, black or brown bear tag, \$8;
5 (e) Class A-7, antlerless elk tag, \$10.
6 (2) The holder of a Class A-7 antlerless elk license
7 is entitled to take surplus antlerless elk in areas
8 designated by the commission and at such times and upon such
9 terms as set forth by the commission but may not
10 simultaneously possess a Class A-5 and a Class A-7 license
11 in the same year. The commission shall include in the terms
12 of issuance of the Class A-7 license a requirement for
13 surrender of a current Class A-5 license if held by a person
14 at the time he purchases a Class A-7 license. If a current
15 Class A-5 license is surrendered, as required by this
16 section, the Class A-7 license must be issued without cost
17 to the holder. No A person may not take more than one elk
18 during any license year, and a person holding a Class A-7
19 antlerless elk tag may not take an elk during the same
20 license year with a Class A-5 elk tag.

21 (3) Subject to the limitation of subsection (5), a
22 person who holds fee title to 640 acres or more of
23 contiguous land, at least some of which is used by elk, in a
24 hunting district where Class A-7 licenses are awarded under
25 this section shall be issued, upon application, a Class A-7



1 license.

2 (4) An applicant who receives a Class A-7 license
3 under subsection (3) may designate that the license be
4 issued to an immediate family member or a person employed by
5 the landowner. A corporation owning qualifying land under
6 subsection (3) may designate one of its shareholders to
7 receive the license.

8 (5) Fifteen percent of the Class A-7 licenses
9 available each year under this section in a hunting district
10 must be available to landowners under subsection (3).

11 (6) All Class A-4 licenses issued with unlimited
12 quotas under the provisions of 87-2-104 must be available
13 for sale by any license agents in the city or town nearest
14 to the hunting district for which the license is valid."

15 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any
16 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the
17 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of
18 [this act].

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

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