



AN ACT REMOVING THE 24-HOUR WAIT REQUIREMENT TO USE A WOLF LICENSE; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-523 AND 87-2-524, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-523, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-523. Class E-1--resident wolf license. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and in subsection (2) of this section, a person who is a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of a fee of \$12, may receive a Class E-1 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt a wolf and possess the carcass of the wolf as authorized by commission rules.

(2) A resident holder of a Class AAA combination sports license, regardless of whether it includes a Class A-6 bear tag, may purchase the first Class E-1 license the person obtains in that license year for \$10.

~~(3) A person who purchases a license pursuant to this section after August 31 may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.~~

~~(4)~~(3) Fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited and used in accordance with 87-1-623."

Section 2. Section 87-2-524, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-524. Class E-2--nonresident wolf license. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and in subsection (2) of this section, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of a fee of \$50, may receive a Class E-2 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt a wolf and possess the carcass of the wolf as authorized by commission rules.

(2) A nonresident holder of a valid Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license or Class B-11 deer combination license may purchase the first Class E-2 license the person obtains in that license year for one-half the cost.

~~(3) A person who purchases a license pursuant to this section after August 31 may not use the license until 24 hours after the license is issued.~~

~~(4)~~(3) Fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited and used in accordance with 87-1-623."

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 131, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

INTRODUCED BY C. HINKLE

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

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