



AN ACT AUTHORIZING VETERANS' PREFERENCE FOR RESERVING CERTAIN BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREAS ON VETERANS' DAY; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Veterans' preference for reserving certain block management areas on Veterans' Day.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), on Veterans' Day, veterans may be given preference to use block management areas that require a reservation.

(2) A reservation by a veteran to use a block management area pursuant to subsection (1) must be made at least 1 week in advance of Veterans' Day and in accordance with the existing reservation system for that area.

(3) A person who makes a reservation pursuant to this section shall carry proof of the person's veteran status, such as a DD form 214, U.S. department of veterans affairs identification card, or a driver's license indicating the person's veteran status, while hunting on the block management area for which the reservation was made. The person also shall make proof of the person's veteran status available for review by an employee or authorized officer of the department upon request.

(4) The department shall conduct random verification of the veteran status of persons making reservations pursuant to this section.

(5) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

**Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

**Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0311, originated in the House.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

HOUSE BILL NO. 311

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