

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 432

2 INTRODUCED BY M. MARLER

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONUS POINTS FOR LIMITED
5 FISHING LICENSES, TAGS, AND PERMITS; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-117, MCA; AND PROVIDING A
6 DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-117, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"87-2-117. License bonus point system.** (1) The commission shall establish a bonus point system that
12 gives an applicant who has purchased more bonus points more chances to receive a ~~hunting~~ license, tag, or
13 permit over an applicant who has purchased fewer bonus points.

14 (2) A person may purchase only one bonus point per species per license year and may:

15 (a) purchase a bonus point when applying for a license, tag, or permit by paying the fee established in
16 87-2-113(2) per species; or

17 (b) purchase a bonus point without applying for a license, tag, or permit by paying the fee established
18 in subsection (5). An applicant not applying for a license, tag, or permit may purchase a bonus point only between
19 July 1 and September 30 in the current license year.

20 (3) The department may only apply any accumulated bonus points to a person's chance to obtain a
21 license, tag, or permit if the person purchases a bonus point when applying for the license, tag, or permit.

22 (4) Bonus points may only be applied to first choice drawings.

23 (5) (a) A resident who does not apply for a license, tag, or permit may purchase a bonus point for \$15
24 for each species for which a bonus point is made available by the commission.

25 (b) A nonresident who does not apply for a license, tag, or permit may purchase a bonus point for \$25
26 for each species for which a bonus point is made available by the commission, except that the fee is \$75 for
27 moose, mountain goat, mountain sheep, and wild buffalo or bison.

28 (6) The department may not delete a person's accumulated bonus points unless the person obtains the
29 license, tag, or permit associated with the bonus points, in which case the department shall delete the person's
30 accumulated bonus points.

1 (7) The department shall square the number of points purchased by a person per species when
2 conducting drawings for licenses, tags, and permits."

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2020.

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