

## HOUSE BILL NO. 617

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING HUNTING LICENSES FOR NONRESIDENTS TO HUNT  
5 WITH A RESIDENT SPONSOR OR FAMILY MEMBER; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR  
6 UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL DRAWING; AND AMENDING SECTION  
7 87-2-526, MCA."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-526, MCA, is amended to read:  
12 **"87-2-526. (Temporary) License for nonresident to hunt with resident sponsor or family member**  
13 **-- use of license revenue.** (1) In addition to the nonresident licenses provided for in 87-2-505 and 87-2-510, the  
14 department may offer for sale 500 B-10 nonresident big game combination licenses and 500 B-11 nonresident  
15 deer combination licenses.

16 (2) The licenses may be used only as provided in this section and as authorized by department rules.

17 (3) Sale of licenses pursuant to this section may not affect the license quotas established in 87-2-505  
18 and 87-2-510.

19 (4) The price of licenses sold ~~under this subsection must be the same as nonresident big game~~  
20 ~~combination licenses and nonresident deer combination licenses offered by general drawing pursuant to 87-2-505~~  
21 ~~and 87-2-510 pursuant to this section is:~~

22 (a) \$628 plus the nonresident hunting access enhancement fee in 87-2-202(3)(d) for licenses sold in  
23 addition to those in 87-2-505; and

24 (b) \$328 plus the nonresident hunting access enhancement fee in 87-2-202(3)(d) for licenses sold in  
25 addition to those in 87-2-510.

26 (2)(5) A license authorized in ~~subsection (1) this section~~ may be used only by an adult nonresident family  
27 member of a resident who sponsors the license application and who meets the qualifications of ~~subsection (3)~~  
28 this section. The nonresident family member must have completed a Montana hunter safety and education course  
29 prior to March 1, 2010, or have previously purchased a resident hunting license. A nonresident family member  
30 who receives a license pursuant to ~~subsection (1) this section~~ this section must be accompanied in the field by a sponsor or

1 family member who meets the qualifications of ~~subsection (3)~~ this section.

2 ~~(3)(6)~~ To qualify as a sponsor or family member who will accompany a nonresident licensed under  
3 ~~subsection (1)~~ this section, a person must be a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is 18 years old or older and  
4 possesses a current resident hunting license and who is related to the nonresident within the second degree of  
5 kinship by blood or marriage. The second degree of kinship includes a mother, father, brother, sister, son,  
6 daughter, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law,  
7 mother-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, stepson, and stepdaughter. The sponsor shall list  
8 on the license application the names of family members who are eligible to hunt with the nonresident hunter.

9 ~~(4)(7)~~ If the department receives more applications for licenses than the number that are available under  
10 ~~subsection (1)~~ this section, the department shall conduct a drawing for the licenses. ~~Applicants who are~~  
11 ~~unsuccessful in the drawing must be entered in the general drawing for a nonresident license provided under~~  
12 ~~87-2-505 or 87-2-510, as applicable.~~

13 ~~(5)(8)~~ All money received from the sale of licenses under ~~subsection (1)~~ this section must be deposited  
14 in a separate account and must be used by the department to acquire public hunting access to inaccessible public  
15 land, which may include obtaining hunting access through private land to inaccessible public land. (Terminates  
16 March 1, 2014--sec. 4, Ch. 345, L. 2009.)"

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