_____ BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO NONRESIDENT TRAPPING LICENSES; REPLACING NOTARIZED AFFIDAVITS WITH WRITTEN DECLARATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-603, MCA, is amended to read:

"**87-2-603. Class C-2--nonresident trapper's license -- reciprocity.** (1) A person not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is 12 years of age or older, on making application and payment of a fee of $250 to the department, is entitled to a nonresident trapper's license that authorizes the holder to trap and snare predatory animals, nongame wildlife, and, subject to the provisions of subsection (2), certain fur-bearing species within the state. The trapping or snaring is permitted only after October 15 of each license year and in the manner provided by law and the rules of the commission and at the places that may be designated in the license.

(2) A person seeking a license to trap fur-bearing species under this subsection (2) shall:

(a) provide a ~~notarized affidavit~~ written declaration on a form approved by the department listing the person's legal residence, including the state;

(b) (i) provide documentation that the person's resident state issues nonresident trapping licenses that allow Montana residents to trap the same species for which the person seeks to trap in Montana; or

(ii) attest on the ~~affidavit~~ declaration that the person's resident state does not offer reciprocity for trapping the fur-bearing species the person seeks to trap in Montana because the species does not exist in the resident state; and

(c) provide evidence that the person completed a trapping education course that is equivalent to the trapping education requirements for residents."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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