_____ BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING NONRESIDENT YOUTH COMBINATION LICENSES; ALLOWING NONRESIDENT YOUTH HUNTERS TO PURCHASE B-7 NONRESIDENT DEER A TAGS; RESTRICTING NONRESIDENT YOUTH HUNTERS TO THE SAME LICENSE TYPE HELD BY THE ACCOMPANYING ADULT HUNTER; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-522, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 87-2-522, MCA, is amended to read:

"**87-2-522. Nonresident youth combination licenses.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and who is 12 years of age or older or will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued and who is under 18 years of age may, upon payment of a fee of one-half of the cost of a regularly priced license and subject to the limitations prescribed by law and department regulation, apply to the fish, wildlife, and parks office in Helena, Montana, to purchase:

(a) one of the following:

(i) a Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license;

(ii) a Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license; or

(iii) a nonresident elk-only combination license;

(b) if available, one of the following licenses:

(i) a Class B-7 nonresident deer A tag;

~~(i)~~ (ii) a Class B-8 nonresident deer B tag; or

~~(ii)~~ (iii) a Class B-12 nonresident antlerless elk B tag license.

(2) (a) When using a license issued pursuant to this section, the holder must be accompanied by

an adult immediate family member who ~~is the holder of a valid Class B-7, Class B-8, Class B-10, Class B-11, Class B-12, or nonresident elk-only combination license~~ holds a valid equivalent adult license or tag, or who is the holder of a valid resident deer or elk tag. As used in this subsection (2), ~~an~~ "adult immediate family member" means an applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother, sister, stepparent, or legal guardian who is 18 years of age or older.

(b) An applicant shall provide the name and automated licensing system number of the adult immediate family member who will accompany the youth when applying for a license pursuant to this section.

(3) Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses issued pursuant to this section are not included in the limit on the number of available Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses issued pursuant to 87-2-505 and 87-2-510. Nonresident elk-only combination licenses issued pursuant to this section are in addition to nonresident elk-only combination licenses available for sale pursuant to 87-2-511."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective March 1, 2028.

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