

1 SENATE BILL NO. 235

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDOWNER-PREFERENCE
5 ELK LICENSES; REQUIRING OWNERSHIP OF 640 ACRES OR MORE OF CONTIGUOUS LAND TO
6 QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL PERMITS; ELIMINATING BEING UNDER CONTRACT TO PURCHASE 640 ACRES
7 OR MORE OF CONTIGUOUS LAND AS A QUALIFICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMITS; DEFINING
8 "EMPLOYEE"; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-516 AND 87-2-705, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
9 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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13 **Section 1.** Section 87-2-516, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"87-2-516. Drawing for Class A-9 and Class B-12 antlerless elk B tag licenses -- landowner**
15 **preference.** (1) In the event the number of valid applications for Class A-9 resident antlerless elk B tag licenses
16 or Class B-12 nonresident antlerless elk B tag licenses for a hunting district exceeds the quota set by the
17 department for the district, the department shall award the permits by a drawing.

18 (2) Subject to the limitations of subsection (4), in a hunting district where Class A-9 and Class B-12
19 licenses are issued, a corresponding Class A-9 or B-12 license must be issued, on application, to persons who:

20 (a) ~~own or have contracted to purchase 640 acres or more of contiguous land, at least some of~~
21 ~~which is used by elk~~ AS DOCUMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT; or

22 (b) own 160 acres or more of contiguous production agricultural land on which the department
23 documented elk game damage within the last 2 years.

24 (3) A landowner who is eligible to receive a Class A-9 or Class B-12 license under subsection (2)
25 may designate an immediate family member or ~~a person employed by the landowner~~ AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
26 LANDOWNER AS DEFINED IN 87-1-266 WHO WORKS FULL TIME AND YEAR ROUND AS PART OF THE ACTIVE FARM OR
27 RANCH OPERATION to apply for the license. A corporation owning qualifying land under subsection (2) may
28 designate one of its shareholders to apply for the Class A-9 or Class B-12 license.

