

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0124

Hunting preference points-transfer.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Baker, Filer and Larsen
and Senator(s) Barnard and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for donation of
2 accumulated preference points; providing restrictions;
3 providing a definition; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(b) and 23-1-705 by creating
9 a new subsection (m) is amended to read:

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11 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**
12 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**
13 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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15 (b) Except as specifically provided under this
16 subsection, subsection (f) of this section or W.S.

1 23-1-705(a), no person may apply for and receive more than
2 one (1) moose or one (1) ram bighorn sheep license in any
3 consecutive five (5) year period. Effective for the 1995
4 hunting season and each hunting season thereafter, licenses
5 issued under this subsection shall be based upon the number
6 of points assigned to each applicant for a particular
7 species. Effective January 1, 2000, licenses issued under
8 this subsection shall be issued partially through a
9 preference point drawing and partially through a random
10 drawing of all remaining unsuccessful applicants for that
11 year. The department shall assign points to each license
12 applicant for a specific species by multiplying the number
13 of years the applicant has unsuccessfully applied for a
14 license times one (1), and adding any preference points
15 donated to the applicant pursuant to W.S. 23-1-705(m). The
16 calculation used to assign points to an applicant for a
17 particular species under this subsection shall include any
18 year the applicant does not apply for a big or trophy game
19 animal hunting license for that species, provided in the
20 case of a resident the applicant pays the fee specified in
21 W.S. 23-2-101(k) and in the case of a nonresident the
22 applicant pays the appropriate fee established by the
23 commission under W.S. 23-2-101(m). License applicants
24 within each hunt area for a species shall be grouped

1 according to the number of assigned points for that
2 species. Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of
3 available licenses within any hunt area shall be randomly
4 selected through a preference point drawing from among the
5 group of applicants with the largest number of assigned
6 points and shall continue until all applicants within that
7 group have been exhausted or until all available licenses
8 have been issued, whichever first occurs. If any applicant
9 grouping has been exhausted and licenses remain available
10 within that hunt area, selection shall continue from among
11 the group of applicants with the next largest number of
12 assigned points. After the selections through the
13 preference point drawing have been completed within a hunt
14 area, the remaining licenses available from that drawing
15 and the licenses available for the random drawing for that
16 hunt area will be issued through a random selection from
17 among all applicants in the hunt area who were not selected
18 for issuance of a license for the species through the
19 preference point drawing in that hunt area. For purposes
20 of assigning points under this subsection, any unsuccessful
21 license applicant failing to apply for a license, or pay
22 the applicable fee in lieu of applying, during the second
23 calendar year shall be considered to be a first year
24 applicant for any subsequent calendar year in which the

1 applicant submits license application for that particular
2 species.

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4 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope**
5 **hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses;**
6 **gratuitous licenses; donated licenses; donated preference**
7 **points.**

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9 (m) The holder of any valid big game preference
10 points may, once in the holder's lifetime, apply in writing
11 to the department to transfer his currently accumulated
12 preference points for one (1) or more species to a
13 specified recipient who is an immediate family member in a
14 format as established by commission rule and regulation.
15 Any preference points transferred in accordance with the
16 provisions of this subsection shall be for the same species
17 as the preference points donated and shall be transferred
18 to a recipient with the same residency status as the
19 donating person. The preference points shall be
20 transferred by the department to the specified recipient
21 for a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per species. Any
22 preference points donated and transferred under the
23 provisions of this subsection shall not be sold, purchased,
24 traded, auctioned or offered for any monetary value and

1 shall not be issued to, or used by, any person other than
2 the specified recipient. Preference points transferred to
3 a recipient shall be subject to all other limitations and
4 restrictions on preference points as if the recipient
5 earned the preference points as otherwise provided by law.
6 For purposes of this subsection, "immediate family member"
7 means a spouse, child or stepchild.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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