

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0159

Big and trophy game combination hunting licenses.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Allen, Baker, Jaggi,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for deer and
2 mountain lion combination hunting licenses as specified;
3 specifying fees; making conforming amendments; and
4 providing for an effective 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. 23-1-302(p), 23-1-504(a)(ii),
9 23-1-701(b)(i), 23-1-703(a), (f) and (g) and 23-2-101(d),
10 (e), (f)(intro), by creating a new paragraph (iv), (j) by
11 creating new paragraphs (xlvii) through (l) and (m) are
12 amended to read:

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14 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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1 (p) The commission may, by rule and regulation,
2 establish a process by which big game licenses, trophy game
3 licenses, big and trophy game combination licenses and wild
4 bison licenses may be issued by a competitive raffle and
5 prescribe the manner of payment for which raffle chances
6 are sold and the amount of payment for each raffle chance.
7 No more than two (2) licenses for each big game species and
8 trophy game species and no more than two (2) wild bison
9 licenses shall be issued under this subsection.
10 Additionally the commission may issue not more than two (2)
11 big and trophy game combination licenses under this
12 subsection. Each license issued for bighorn sheep, moose,
13 mountain goat or grizzly bear through a competitive raffle
14 shall, when applicable, be counted against any nonresident
15 quota. The five (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt
16 of a moose or big horn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b) or
17 the lifetime restriction imposed on the receipt of a
18 grizzly bear or mountain goat license by W.S. 23-1-703(c),
19 and any restriction imposed on the receipt of a wild bison
20 license by W.S. 23-2-107 shall not be applicable in any
21 manner to a license issued pursuant to this subsection.
22 The commission shall issue licenses upon receipt of the
23 proper license fee by the successful competitive raffle

1 winner. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the
 2 issuance of a license to any person whose privilege to
 3 procure, purchase or possess a license has been suspended
 4 pursuant to this act or by operation of law.

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6 **23-1-504. Free and reduced price license revenue**
 7 **recoupment program.**

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9 (a) Not later than July 31, 2007, and not later than
 10 July 31 of each subsequent year thereafter, the chief
 11 fiscal officer of the game and fish department shall
 12 prepare and certify a report of licenses sold or issued in
 13 the previous calendar year under the following statutes:

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15 (ii) W.S. ~~23-2-101(j)(xi)~~ 23-2-101(d)(iii) and
 16 (iv) and (j)(xi), (xvi), (xvii), (xx), (xxi), (xxxii),
 17 (xxxiii), (xlv), ~~and~~ (xlix) and (l);

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19 **23-1-701. Selling agents; administration of oaths;**
 20 **licenses, permits and game tags.**

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22 (b) Each license selling agent shall charge a fee as
 23 provided in this subsection for each license, permit or

1 stamp he sells or distributes pursuant to this act. The
2 fee shall not be charged if this act specifies that the
3 issuance shall be without fee or fails to establish a fee
4 for the issuance of the license, permit or stamp. Each
5 license, permit or stamp sold or distributed under this act
6 shall display the total amount only of all fees and other
7 charges required under this act or otherwise provided by
8 law. Each selling agent shall retain two dollars (\$2.00)
9 for each license and fifty cents (\$.50) for each stamp or
10 permit he sells. For failure to comply with this section,
11 selling agents shall not be entitled to retain the amounts
12 specified in this subsection and shall be liable on their
13 bond. No employee of the commission shall receive any
14 commission on licenses, stamps or permits sold, but the
15 department shall charge the additional fee specified in
16 this subsection, or otherwise provided by law, for each
17 license, stamp or permit sold by commission employees. The
18 fee charged under this subsection shall be in addition to
19 the amount otherwise established by this act for the
20 license, permit or stamp and shall be as follows:

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22 (i) Two dollars (\$2.00) for each license, except
23 that this additional fee shall not be charged for licenses

1 under W.S. 23-1-705(e) or (k), ~~23-2-101(j)(xi)~~
 2 23-2-101(d)(iii) or (iv) or (j)(xi), (xvi), (xvii), (xx),
 3 (xxi), (xxxii), (xxxiii), (xliv), ~~or (xlv)~~, (xlix) or (l),
 4 23-2-201(d)(iii) or (iv) or (f) or 23-2-301(c)(xiii);

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6 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**
 7 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**
 8 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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10 (a) The commission may limit the number of resident
 11 or nonresident big or trophy game animal licenses or big
 12 and trophy game combination licenses to be sold in any
 13 calendar year and may designate dates after which one (1)
 14 or more classes of licenses will not be sold except as
 15 authorized by the commission.

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17 (f) Notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-704 and 23-2-101(j),
 18 any person who is issued and purchases a limited quota,
 19 full price big or trophy game animal license for any
 20 species and sex of animal and is unable to use for good
 21 cause as provided by regulations that license for the year
 22 in which issued, may reserve a license for the particular
 23 species and sex of big or trophy game animal designated on

1 the unused license for use during the immediately
2 succeeding calendar year by applying to the commission
3 before the opening date of the season for the designated
4 species and sex of animal during the year for which the
5 initial license is issued. The initial big or trophy game
6 animal license shall accompany the application. Upon
7 receipt, the commission shall cancel the initial license
8 and prior to the season opening date for the designated
9 species and sex of animal during the immediately succeeding
10 calendar year, issue to the applicant at an administrative
11 cost not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed
12 four percent (4%) of the cost of the initial license, a
13 license for the designated big or trophy game animal valid
14 for that year. The provisions in this subsection shall
15 apply and be available to persons who are issued and
16 purchase a big and trophy game combination license.

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18 (g) In addition to the authority granted under
19 subsection (b) of this section, the commission may through
20 rule and regulation develop and implement a preference
21 point program for nonresident antelope, nonresident deer,
22 ~~and~~ nonresident elk and nonresident big and trophy game
23 combination licenses which are limited in quota and would

1 otherwise be issued through a random drawing. A program
2 established pursuant to this subsection may be implemented
3 for all or selected hunt areas and may be applied to all or
4 portions of licenses for any particular species. The
5 commission may charge nonresident license applicants a
6 nonrefundable fee to accumulate preference points under the
7 program as provided in W.S. 23-2-101(m).

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9 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
10 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
11 **required.**

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13 (d) The commission may issue big or trophy game
14 licenses in areas in which all licenses initially
15 authorized were not purchased or in which additional
16 harvest is desired, allowing a licensee to take a big or
17 trophy game animal of such sex or age as designated by the
18 commission. The commission may issue big and trophy game
19 combination licenses in areas in which all licenses
20 initially authorized were not purchased or in which
21 additional harvest is desired, allowing a licensee to take
22 a deer and mountain lion. Unless otherwise provided by
23 this subsection, the fee for the license may be reduced by

1 the commission to the level necessary to achieve the
 2 desired management objectives, but in no case shall a
 3 resident or nonresident license fee be less than the
 4 landowner's coupon fee. The following fees shall be
 5 collected by the department in accordance with this
 6 subsection:

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 8 (i) Resident big and trophy game combination
 9 license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion
 10 \$56.00

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 12 (ii) Nonresident big and trophy game combination
 13 license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion
 14 402.00

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 16 (iii) Resident youth big and trophy game
 17 combination license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion
 18 35.00

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 20 (iv) Nonresident youth big and trophy game
 21 combination license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion
 22 202.00

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1 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
2 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this
3 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase
4 of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game
5 license, big and trophy game combination license or wild
6 bison license. The resident application fee shall be five
7 dollars (\$5.00) and the nonresident application fee shall
8 be fourteen dollars (\$14.00). The application fee is in
9 addition to the fees prescribed by subsections (f) and (j)
10 of this section and by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable
11 to the department either directly or through an authorized
12 selling agent of the department. At the beginning of each
13 month, the commission shall set aside all of the fees
14 collected during calendar year 1980 and not to exceed
15 twenty-five percent (25%) of the fees collected thereafter
16 pursuant to this subsection to establish and maintain a
17 working balance of five hundred thousand dollars
18 (\$500,000.00), to compensate owners or lessees of property
19 damaged by game animals and game birds.

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21 (f) Forty percent (40%) of available nonresident elk
22 licenses, forty percent (40%) of available nonresident deer
23 licenses, and ~~and~~ forty percent (40%) of available nonresident

1 antelope licenses and forty percent (40%) of available big
2 and trophy game combination licenses for any one (1)
3 calendar year shall as established by the commission, be
4 offered to nonresident applicants upon receipt of the fee
5 prescribed by this subsection. Seventy-five (75) of the
6 nonresident deer licenses set aside pursuant to this
7 subsection shall be used for a national bow hunt for deer.
8 The licenses authorized by this subsection shall be offered
9 by drawing to nonresident applicants prior to the drawing
10 for the remaining nonresident licenses issued. The
11 licenses offered under this subsection shall be issued in a
12 manner prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated by
13 the commission. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit
14 any unsuccessful applicant for a nonresident license
15 pursuant to this subsection from submitting an application
16 for any licenses remaining after the drawing during the
17 calendar year in which the application under this
18 subsection was submitted. The following fees shall be
19 collected by the department and are in addition to the
20 nonresident license fee for the appropriate big game
21 species imposed under subsection (j) of this section and
22 the application fee imposed under subsection (e) of this
23 section:

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(iv) Nonresident big and trophy game combination license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion \$240.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under paragraph (j)(xlvi) of this section.

(j) Subject to W.S. 23-2-101(f), 23-1-705(e) and the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, the following hunting licenses and tags may be purchased for the fee indicated and subject to the limitations provided:

(xlvii) Resident big and trophy game combination license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion 66.00

(xlviii) Nonresident big and trophy game combination license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion 672.00

(xlix) Resident youth big and trophy game combination license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion 45.00

1 (1) Nonresident youth big and trophy game
 2 combination license; one (1) deer, one (1) mountain lion
 3 472.00

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5 (m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as
 6 part of any preference point program for nonresident
 7 antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep, nonresident moose,
 8 nonresident deer, ~~or~~ nonresident elk or nonresident big and
 9 trophy game combination, the commission may establish a
 10 nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from the license
 11 fee remitted or submitted separately when application for a
 12 license or preference point is made through electronic
 13 licensing, and may also establish a fee to be paid in lieu
 14 of applying for licenses that are limited in quota.
 15 Retention of the established fee or payment of the fee in
 16 lieu of applying shall authorize the person to accumulate a
 17 preference point for future drawings for licenses that are
 18 limited in quota for the applicable species in accordance
 19 with rules of the commission. The rules may provide for
 20 the loss of all accumulated points for persons failing to
 21 apply or to pay the in lieu fee in two (2) consecutive
 22 calendar years. The fee for any program under this
 23 subsection for antelope, deer or elk shall be established

1 by rule and shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per
2 species. Payment of the fee shall be made in compliance
3 with application dates. Nothing in this subsection
4 authorizes the commission to establish or retain a fee for
5 resident moose or resident ram bighorn sheep license
6 preference points in addition to the fee established by
7 subsection (k) of this section or to establish rules for
8 ram bighorn sheep or moose preference point drawings in
9 conflict with the provisions of W.S. 23-1-703(b). For
10 nonresident ram bighorn sheep and nonresident moose
11 licenses, the commission may establish by rule a
12 nonrefundable preference point fee to be withheld from
13 either the license fee remitted or submitted separately
14 when application for a license or preference point is made
15 through electronic licensing and may establish a fee in
16 lieu of making application in an amount greater than that
17 established under subsection (k) of this section, but
18 neither fee shall exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
19 Fees established under this subsection may be set at lower
20 amounts for youth license applicants.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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