

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0208

Hard to draw hunting licenses.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Burkhardt and Senator(s)
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; limiting issuance of
2 resident deer and resident elk licenses as specified;
3 providing exceptions; providing for rulemaking; requiring
4 maintenance of records; specifying fees; and providing for
5 an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-302(p), 23-1-703(f), (h) and by
10 creating a new subsection (j) and 23-1-705 by creating a
11 new subsection (m) are amended to read:

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13 **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 and wild bison licenses may be issued by a
4 competitive raffle and prescribe the manner of payment for
5 which raffle chances are sold and the amount of payment for
6 each raffle chance. No more than two (2) licenses for each
7 big game species and trophy game species and no more than
8 two (2) wild bison licenses shall be issued under this
9 subsection. Each license issued for bighorn sheep, moose,
10 mountain goat or grizzly bear through a competitive raffle
11 shall, when applicable, be counted against any nonresident
12 quota. The five (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt
13 of a moose or big horn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b),
14 the five (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt of a
15 resident deer or resident elk license by W.S. 23-1-703(j)
16 or the lifetime restriction imposed on the receipt of a
17 grizzly bear or mountain goat license by W.S. 23-1-703(c),
18 and any restriction imposed on the receipt of a wild bison
19 license by W.S. 23-2-107 shall not be applicable in any
20 manner to a license issued pursuant to this subsection.
21 The commission shall issue licenses upon receipt of the
22 proper license fee by the successful competitive raffle
23 winner. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the

1 issuance of a license to any person whose privilege to
2 procure, purchase or possess a license has been suspended
3 pursuant to this act or by operation of law.

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5 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**
6 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**
7 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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9 (f) Notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-704 and 23-2-101(j),
10 any person who is issued and purchases a big or trophy game
11 animal license for any species and sex of animal specified
12 under subsections (b) ~~, and~~ (c) and (j) of this section and
13 is unable to use for good cause as provided by regulations
14 that license for the year in which issued, may reserve a
15 license for the particular species and sex of animal
16 designated on the unused license for use during the
17 immediately succeeding calendar year by applying to the
18 commission before the opening date of the season for the
19 designated species and sex of animal during the year for
20 which the initial license is issued. The initial big or
21 trophy game animal license shall accompany the application.
22 Upon receipt, the commission shall cancel the initial
23 license and prior to the season opening date for the

1 designated species and sex of animal during the immediately
2 succeeding calendar year, issue at no cost to the applicant
3 a license for the designated big or trophy game animal
4 valid for that year.

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6 (h) Rules and regulations shall be promulgated by the
7 game and fish commission to carry out subsections (a)
8 through (f) and (j) of this section and may be promulgated
9 as provided in subsection (g) of this section.

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11 (j) Except as specifically provided under subsection
12 (f) of this section or W.S. 23-1-705(m), no person may
13 apply for and receive more than one (1) resident deer or
14 one (1) resident elk hard to draw license in any
15 consecutive five (5) year period. For purposes of this
16 subsection, "hard to draw" means a license which is limited
17 in quota by hunt area and type and which had a drawing
18 success rate of ten percent (10%) or less in the
19 immediately preceding limited quota random drawing for that
20 particular species. The commission shall, through rules
21 and regulations, specify which resident deer or resident
22 elk licenses are hard to draw before each application
23 period for that particular species. The commission shall

1 maintain records of hard to draw licenses received pursuant
2 to this subsection. Notwithstanding W.S. 23-2-101(e), the
3 commission may charge a nonrefundable fee not to exceed ten
4 dollars (\$10.00) for each application for a resident hard
5 to draw license.

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7 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope**
8 **hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses;**
9 **gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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11 (m) The five (5) year restriction imposed on the
12 receipt of a resident deer or resident elk license by W.S.
13 23-1-703(j) shall not be applicable in any manner to a
14 license issued pursuant to this section.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2016.

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