

SENATE FILE NO. SF0103

Resident and nonresident hunting license issuance and fees.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks, Kolb, McKeown and Schuler
and Representative(s) Burkhart, Harshman,
Henderson, Laursen, Stith, Styvar and Wharff

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; modifying provisions
2 governing resident and nonresident hunters; modifying
3 resident and nonresident license reservations; increasing
4 resident and nonresident fees as specified; repealing
5 nonresident license reservation requirements for elk, deer
6 and antelope; making a conforming amendment; and providing
7 for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(e), 23-2-101(e), (j)(intro),
12 (xv), (xvii), (xix), (xxi), (xxiii), (xxv), (xxvii),
13 (xxix), (xxxi), (xxxiii), (xxxviii), (xxxix) and (k) and
14 23-2-107(c)(intro) and (e) are amended to read:

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1 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of certain licenses;**
2 **reservation of certain licenses; reservation of certain**
3 **unused licenses.**

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5 (e) The commission shall reserve ~~eighty percent (80%)~~
6 ~~of the moose and seventy five percent (75%) of the ram and~~
7 ~~ewe and lamb bighorn sheep, mountain goat~~ not less than
8 ninety percent (90%) of the limited quota big game animal,
9 wild bison and grizzly bear licenses to be issued in any
10 one (1) year for resident hunters in the initial license
11 drawings. In any hunt area with less than ten (10)
12 licenses available, the commission shall not issue any
13 licenses to nonresident hunters under this subsection. The
14 commission shall determine the allocation of resident and
15 nonresident mountain lion harvest.

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17 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
18 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
19 **required.**

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21 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
22 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this
23 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase

1 of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game license
2 or wild bison license. The resident application fee shall
3 be ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ seven dollars (\$7.00) and the
4 nonresident application fee shall be ~~fifteen dollars~~
5 ~~(\$15.00)~~ seventeen dollars (\$17.00). The application fee is
6 in addition to the fees prescribed by subsections (f) and
7 (j) of this section and by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be
8 payable to the department either directly or through an
9 authorized selling agent of the department. At the
10 beginning of each month, the commission shall set aside all
11 of the fees collected during calendar year 1980 and not to
12 exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the fees collected
13 thereafter pursuant to this subsection to establish and
14 maintain a working balance of five hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$500,000.00), to compensate owners or lessees of property
16 damaged by game animals and game birds.

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

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23 (xv) Nonresident deer license; one (1) deer

1 ~~372.00~~ 655.00

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3 (xvii) Nonresident youth deer license; one (1)
4 deer ~~110.00~~ 150.00

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6 (xix) Nonresident elk license; one (1) elk,
7 fishing privileges ~~690.00~~ 1,100.00

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9 (xxi) Nonresident youth elk license; one (1)
10 elk, fishing privileges ~~275.00~~ 300.00

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12 (xxiii) Nonresident bighorn sheep license; one
13 (1) bighorn sheep ~~2,318.00~~ 3,000.00

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15 (xxv) Nonresident mountain goat license; one (1)
16 mountain goat ~~2,160.00~~ 2,750.00

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18 (xxvii) Nonresident moose license; one (1) moose
19 ~~1,980.00~~ 2,750.00

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21 (xxix) Nonresident grizzly bear license; one (1)
22 grizzly bear ~~6,000.00~~ 7,500.00

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1 (xxxi) Nonresident antelope license; one (1)
 2 antelope ~~324.00~~ 600.00

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 4 (xxxiii) Nonresident youth antelope license; one
 5 (1) antelope ~~110.00~~ 125.00

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 7 (xxxviii) Resident turkey license . ~~14.00~~ 20.00

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 9 (xxxix) Nonresident turkey license . ~~72.00~~ 75.00

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 11 (k) Any resident qualified to purchase a moose or ram
 12 big horn sheep hunting license under subsection (j) of this
 13 section may pay a fee of ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ ten dollars
 14 (\$10.00) in lieu of applying for a moose or ram big horn
 15 sheep hunting license. Payment of the fee for a particular
 16 species under this subsection shall authorize the person to
 17 accumulate points under W.S. 23-1-703(b) for that year in
 18 the same manner as if he had unsuccessfully applied for a
 19 hunting license for that species. Payment of the fee shall
 20 be made in compliance with application dates.

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 22 **23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**

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1 (c) Subject to the limitations imposed by W.S.
2 23-1-703(e), the commission shall promulgate reasonable
3 rules and regulations regulating wild bison licenses and
4 the management of wild bison. The rules shall provide for:

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6 (e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of
7 four hundred twelve dollars (\$412.00) for a license to
8 harvest any wild bison or two hundred fifty-eight dollars
9 (\$258.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf wild
10 bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e).
11 A nonresident applicant shall pay a license fee of ~~four~~
12 ~~thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00)~~ six thousand
13 dollars (\$6,000.00) for a license to harvest any wild bison
14 or two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) for
15 a license to harvest a female or calf wild bison and shall
16 pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). The fee charged
17 under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in addition to the fee imposed
18 under this subsection.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-101(f) is repealed.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective January 1, 2022.

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