

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0129

Game and fish-lifetime license elimination.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Burkhardt

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; eliminating lifetime
 2 fishing, small game and game bird licenses; eliminating
 3 lifetime conservation stamps; providing for grandfathering
 4 of ownership of those licenses; making conforming
 5 amendments; and providing for 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. 23-1-705(d), 23-2-101(a) and
 10 23-2-201(a) and (f) are amended to read:

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12 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope**
 13 **hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses;**
 14 **gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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16 (d) The department shall issue without charge
 17 ~~lifetime~~ bird, small game and fish licenses to any resident

1 or honorably discharged veteran who is over sixty-five (65)
2 years and who has continuously resided in Wyoming for at
3 least the thirty (30) years immediately preceding
4 application for the license, or to any disabled veteran who
5 is one hundred percent (100%) disabled as determined by the
6 United States department of veteran affairs. The license is
7 valid so long as the licensee remains a Wyoming resident.

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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 (a) Any qualified person may purchase a hunting
14 license from the department or its authorized selling
15 agents except as otherwise provided. Purchase of a license
16 entitles the licensee to take any animal, bird or fish
17 provided on the license within Wyoming at the time, in a
18 place, in a manner and in an amount as provided by law and
19 the orders of the commission. At the time of application
20 for a resident license under this section, the applicant
21 shall provide a valid Wyoming driver's license or a copy
22 thereof, or other proof of residency. The commission shall
23 promulgate reasonable rules and regulations stating what
24 proof of residency is required so that only bona fide

1 Wyoming residents, as defined in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(ix),
2 receive resident licenses. ~~For purposes of purchasing a~~
3 ~~lifetime resident license under subsection (j) of this~~
4 ~~section, an applicant shall have been a resident as defined~~
5 ~~in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(ix) continuously for a ten (10) year~~
6 ~~period immediately preceding the application date.~~

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8 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**
9 **residency required.**

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11 (a) Any qualified person may purchase a fishing
12 license from the department or its authorized selling
13 agents. Purchase of a license entitles the licensee to take
14 any fish of Wyoming at the time, in a place, in a manner
15 and in an amount as provided by law and the orders of the
16 commission. At the time of application for a resident
17 license under this section, the applicant shall provide a
18 valid Wyoming driver's license or a copy thereof, or other
19 proof of residency. The commission shall promulgate
20 reasonable rules and regulations stating what proof of
21 residency is required so that only bona fide Wyoming
22 residents, as defined in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(ix), receive
23 resident licenses. ~~For purposes of purchasing a lifetime~~
24 ~~resident license under subsection (d) of this section and~~

1 ~~except for the resident disabled veteran's lifetime license~~
2 ~~issued under subsection (f) of this section, an applicant~~
3 ~~shall have been a resident as defined in W.S.~~
4 ~~23-1-102(a)(ix) continuously for a ten (10) year period~~
5 ~~immediately preceding the application date.~~

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7 (f) Any resident disabled veteran who receives fifty
8 percent (50%) or more service connected disability
9 compensation from the United States department of veteran's
10 affairs may apply to the department for a resident disabled
11 veteran's ~~lifetime~~ fishing license. The license entitles
12 the resident disabled veteran to take any fish within
13 Wyoming at the time, in a place, in a manner and in an
14 amount as provided by law and the orders of the commission.
15 Application shall include proof of residency required under
16 subsection (a) of this section, certification of the
17 applicant's service connected disability and other
18 information required by rule and regulation of the
19 commission. Notwithstanding subsection (a) and paragraph
20 (d)(viii) of this section, a disabled veteran's ~~lifetime~~
21 fishing license shall be issued to an eligible applicant
22 without payment of any fee.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-101(j) (vii) and (viii),
2 23-2-201(d) (viii) and 23-2-306(b) are repealed.

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4 **Section 3.** Nothing in this act shall affect the
5 continued validity of any lifetime fishing license,
6 lifetime game bird and small game licenses, lifetime game
7 bird/small game and fishing license or any lifetime
8 conservation stamp issued under previous law.

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10 **Section 4.** This act is effective January 1, 2015.

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