

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0207

Moose and bighorn sheep hunting license-restrictions  
repeal.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Newsome, Berger and  
Burkhart and Senator(s) Dockstader and  
Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; removing the lifetime  
2 restriction on the receipt of a moose or bighorn sheep  
3 license when a person was previously subject to the five  
4 year restriction for those species; making conforming  
5 amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an  
6 effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(c) and 23-1-705(a) are  
11 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           (c) Except as provided in this subsection and  
6 subsection (f) of this section or by rule of the  
7 commission, no person who is issued a hunting license on  
8 and after July 1, 2022 for a grizzly bear, or for a  
9 mountain goat, any moose or antlered moose, any ram bighorn  
10 sheep, any bighorn sheep and any wild bison, ~~and no person~~  
11 ~~who, on July 1, 2022, is subject to the five (5) year~~  
12 ~~restriction under subsection (b) of this section for a~~  
13 ~~moose or bighorn sheep license,~~ shall be eligible to apply  
14 for or receive a hunting license for that particular  
15 species in any future year. The commission may issue  
16 hunting licenses to any person in future years when  
17 necessary for wildlife management purposes to harvest  
18 grizzly bear, mountain goat, ewe or lamb bighorn sheep or  
19 cow or calf moose. The commission may issue hunting  
20 licenses to any person to harvest cow or calf wild bison  
21 pursuant to W.S. 23-2-107(f).

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1           **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; pioneer licenses;**  
2 **antelope hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt**  
3 **licenses; gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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5           (a) At the request of the governor, the commission  
6 shall annually issue up to twenty-five (25) complimentary  
7 hunting and twenty-five (25) complimentary fishing  
8 licenses. Not more than five (5) bighorn sheep, five (5)  
9 moose and five (5) wild bison licenses shall be issued  
10 under this subsection. The five (5) year restriction  
11 imposed on the receipt of a cow or calf moose, or ewe or  
12 lamb bighorn sheep ~~or wild bison~~ license by W.S.  
13 23-1-703(b), ~~and (c),~~ a cow or calf wild bison license by  
14 W.S. 23-2-107(f) and any restriction imposed on taking of  
15 wild bison under commission rule and regulation shall not  
16 be applicable in any manner to a license issued pursuant to  
17 this subsection. Except as provided under subsection (g)  
18 of this section, no complimentary licenses may be issued at  
19 the request of the appointed commissioners. Immediately  
20 upon issuance of any of these licenses, the commission  
21 shall submit to the secretary of state for maintenance as a  
22 public record, the name and address of each licensee and  
23 the type of license issued.

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2           **Section 2.** Any person who is restricted from applying  
3 for and receiving a moose or bighorn sheep license in any  
4 future year because, as of July 1, 2022, the person was  
5 subject to the five (5) year restriction under W.S.  
6 23-1-703(b) shall be allowed to apply for and receive a  
7 moose or bighorn sheep license as if the person had not  
8 received a cow or calf moose or ewe or lamb bighorn sheep  
9 license after July 1, 2022 but the person shall then be  
10 subject to the lifetime restriction pursuant to W.S.  
11 23-1-703(c) if that person is issued a moose or bighorn  
12 sheep license on and after the effective date of this act.

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14           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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