

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0288

Game and fish fees.

Sponsored by: House Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; increasing certain fees  
2 relating to game and fish licenses, preference points,  
3 permits, applications, and stamps; increasing certain  
4 watercraft fees administered by the game and fish  
5 department; 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. 23-1-702, 23-2-101(e), (f) (i) through  
10 (iii), (j) (i) through (iv), (vi) through (x), (xiii)  
11 through (xv), (xviii), (xix), (xxii) through (xxvii),  
12 (xxx), (xxxi), (xxxiv), (xxxv), (xxxix), (xliii) (A), (B),  
13 (xlvi) and (m), 23-2-107(e), 23-2-201(d) (i), (ii) and  
14 (viii), 23-2-301(c) (i) through (xii), 23-2-306(b) (intro),  
15 23-2-307(b), 41-13-104(f), (k) and (m) and 41-13-109(a) (i)  
16 and (ii) are amended to read:

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2           **23-1-702. Duplicate license upon loss or destruction**  
3 **of original; issuance; fees.**

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5 When any license issued under this act has been lost or  
6 destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the  
7 original license from any district office or any authorized  
8 personnel of the department upon the presentation of  
9 satisfactory proof that the original license was lost or  
10 destroyed. Prior to issuing the duplicate license and in  
11 accordance with rule and regulation of the commission, the  
12 department may assess a fee of not more than ~~three dollars~~  
13 ~~(\$3.00)~~ five dollars (\$5.00) plus the ~~fee~~ fees charged  
14 under W.S. 23-1-701. Duplicate licenses shall be issued in  
15 accordance with procedure established by commission order.

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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) and the nonresident application fee  
4 shall be ~~fourteen dollars (\$14.00)~~ fifteen dollars  
5 (\$15.00). The application fee is in addition to the fees  
6 prescribed by subsections (f) and (j) of this section and  
7 by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable to the department  
8 either directly or through an authorized selling agent of  
9 the department. At the beginning of each month, the  
10 commission shall set aside all of the fees collected during  
11 calendar year 1980 and not to exceed twenty-five percent  
12 (25%) of the fees collected thereafter pursuant to this  
13 subsection to establish and maintain a working balance of  
14 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to compensate  
15 owners or lessees of property damaged by game animals and  
16 game birds.

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18 (f) Forty percent (40%) of available nonresident elk  
19 licenses, forty percent (40%) of available nonresident deer  
20 licenses and forty percent (40%) of available nonresident  
21 antelope licenses for any one (1) calendar year shall as  
22 established by the commission, be offered to nonresident  
23 applicants upon receipt of the fee prescribed by this

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

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20 (i) Nonresident elk license ..... ~~\$480.00~~  
21 \$576.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under  
22 paragraph (j)(xix) of this section;

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1           (ii) Nonresident deer license .... ~~\$240.00~~  
 2 \$288.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under  
 3 paragraph (j)(xv) of this section;

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5           (iii) Nonresident antelope license ..... ~~\$240.00~~  
 6 \$288.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under  
 7 paragraph (j)(xxxi) of this section.

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

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14           (i) Resident black bear license; one (1) black  
 15 bear..... ~~\$43.00~~ \$45.00

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17           (ii) Nonresident black bear license; one (1)  
 18 black bear..... ~~360.00~~ 371.00

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20           (iii) Resident mountain lion license; one (1)  
 21 mountain lion..... ~~28.00~~ 30.00

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| 1  | (iv) Nonresident mountain lion license; one (1)        |                                 |
| 2  | mountain lion.....                                     | <del>360.00</del> <u>371.00</u> |
| 3  |  |                                 |
| 4  | (vi) Nonresident daily game bird/small game            |                                 |
| 5  | license; all game birds except wild turkey..           | <del>18.00</del> <u>20.00</u>   |
| 6  |  |                                 |
| 7  | (vii) Resident lifetime game bird and small game       |                                 |
| 8  | license; all game birds except wild turkey..           | <del>300.00</del> <u>309.00</u> |
| 9  |  |                                 |
| 10 | (viii) Resident lifetime game bird/small game          |                                 |
| 11 | and fishing license; all game birds except wild turkey |                                 |
| 12 | .....  | <del>480.00</del> <u>494.00</u> |
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| 14 | (ix) Resident game bird/small game license; all        |                                 |
| 15 | game birds except wild turkey.....                     | <del>22.00</del> <u>25.00</u>   |
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| 17 | (x) Nonresident game bird/small game license;          |                                 |
| 18 | all game birds except wild turkey.....                 | <del>70.00</del> <u>72.00</u>   |
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| 20 | (xiii) Nonresident archery license                     | <del>28.00</del> <u>70.00</u>   |
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| 22 | (xiv) Resident deer license; one (1) deer              |                                 |
| 23 | .....  | <del>36.00</del> <u>40.00</u>   |

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

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(xviii) Resident elk license; one (1) elk

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(xix) Nonresident elk license; one (1) elk,  
fishing privileges..... ~~575.00~~ 690.00

(xxii) Resident bighorn sheep license; one (1)  
bighorn sheep..... ~~115.00~~ 150.00

(xxiii) Nonresident bighorn sheep license; one  
(1) bighorn sheep..... ~~2,250.00~~ 2,318.00

(xxiv) Resident mountain goat license; one (1)  
mountain goat..... ~~120.00~~ 150.00

(xxv) Nonresident mountain goat license; one (1)  
mountain goat..... ~~2,150.00~~ 2,160.00

1           (xxvi) Resident moose license; one (1) moose  
 2 ..... ~~110.00~~ 150.00

4           (xxvii) Nonresident moose license; one (1) moose  
 5 ..... ~~1,400.00~~ 1,980.00

7           (xxx) Resident antelope license; one (1)  
 8 antelope..... ~~31.00~~ 35.00

10          (xxxi) Nonresident antelope license; one (1)  
 11 antelope..... ~~270.00~~ 324.00

13          (xxxiv) Resident license to capture falcons for  
 14 falconry purposes..... ~~36.00~~ 37.00

16          (xxxv) Nonresident license to capture falcons  
 17 for falconry purposes..... ~~240.00~~ 247.00

19          (xxxix) Nonresident turkey license ~~70.00~~ 72.00

21          (xliiii) From and after the date gray wolves are  
 22 removed from the list of experimental nonessential



1 population, endangered species or threatened species in  
2 Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

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4 (A) Resident gray wolf license

5 ..... ~~\$18.00~~ 19.00

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7 (B) Nonresident gray wolf license

8 ..... ~~\$180.00~~ 185.00

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10 (xlvi) Resident lifetime archery license

11 ..... ~~200.00~~ 206.00

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13 (m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as  
14 part of any preference point program for nonresident  
15 antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep, nonresident moose,  
16 nonresident deer or nonresident elk, the commission may  
17 establish a nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from  
18 the license fee remitted or submitted separately when  
19 application for a license or preference point is made  
20 through electronic licensing, and may also establish a fee  
21 to be paid in lieu of applying for licenses that are  
22 limited in quota. Retention of the established fee or  
23 payment of the fee in lieu of applying shall authorize the

1 person to accumulate a preference point for future drawings  
2 for licenses that are limited in quota for the applicable  
3 species in accordance with rules of the commission. The  
4 rules may provide for the loss of all accumulated points  
5 for persons failing to apply or to pay the in lieu fee in  
6 two (2) consecutive calendar years. The fee for any  
7 program under this subsection for antelope, deer or elk  
8 shall be established by rule and shall not exceed ~~fifty~~  
9 ~~dollars (\$50.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per species.  
10 Payment of the fee shall be made in compliance with  
11 application dates. Nothing in this subsection authorizes  
12 the commission to establish or retain a fee for resident  
13 moose or resident ram bighorn sheep license preference  
14 points in addition to the fee established by subsection (k)  
15 of this section or to establish rules for ram bighorn sheep  
16 or moose preference point drawings in conflict with the  
17 provisions of W.S. 23-1-703(b). For nonresident ram bighorn  
18 sheep and nonresident moose licenses, the commission may  
19 establish by rule a nonrefundable preference point fee to  
20 be withheld from either the license fee remitted or  
21 submitted separately when application for a license or  
22 preference point is made through electronic licensing and  
23 may establish a fee in lieu of making application in an

1 amount greater than that established under subsection (k)  
2 of this section, but neither fee shall exceed ~~one hundred~~  
3 ~~dollars (\$100.00)~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).  
4 Fees established under this subsection may be set at lower  
5 amounts for youth license applicants.  
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7 **23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**  
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9 (e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of  
10 ~~four hundred dollars (\$400.00)~~ four hundred twelve dollars  
11 (\$412.00) for a license to harvest any wild bison or ~~two~~  
12 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ two hundred fifty-eight  
13 dollars (\$258.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf  
14 wild bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S.  
15 23-2-101(e). A nonresident applicant shall pay a license  
16 fee of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)~~ four  
17 thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00) for a license to  
18 harvest any wild bison or ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~  
19 two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) for a  
20 license to harvest a female or calf wild bison and shall  
21 pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). The fee charged  
22 under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in addition to the fee imposed  
23 under this subsection.

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

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5           (d) The following fishing licenses may be purchased  
6 for the fee indicated in addition to the applicable fee  
7 under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to the limitations  
8 provided:

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10                   (i) Resident fishing license ..... ~~\$22.00~~ 25.00

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12                   (ii) Nonresident fishing license .. ~~90.00~~ 100.00

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14                   (viii) Resident lifetime fishing license  
15 ..... ~~300.00~~ 309.00

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17           **23-2-301. Miscellaneous fees; verification of**  
18 **residency required.**

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20           (c) The following licenses and tags may be purchased  
21 for the fee indicated in addition to the applicable fee  
22 under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to other requirements of  
23 this article:

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(i) Resident trapping license-furbearing

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(ii) License to capture furbearing animals for  
domestication..... ~~18.00~~ 19.00

(iii) Resident fur dealer's license

..... ~~50.00~~ 52.00

(iv) Nonresident fur dealer's license

..... ~~275.00~~ 283.00

(v) Taxidermist's license .....

~~65.00~~ 67.00

(vi) Nonresident taxidermist's license

..... ~~700.00~~ 721.00

(vii) Game bird farm license .....

~~130.00~~ 134.00

(viii) Fishing preserve license ...

~~130.00~~ 134.00

- 1           (ix) Commercial fish hatchery license
- 2           ..... ~~180.00~~ 185.00
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- 4           (x) License to seine or trap fish . ~~18.00~~ 19.00
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- 6           (xi) License to deal in live bait . ~~65.00~~ 67.00
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- 8           (xii) Nonresident trapping license-
- 9           furbearing..... ~~240.00~~ 247.00

11           **23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.**

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13           (b) A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased

14 for ~~one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00)~~ one hundred

15 eighty-five dollars (\$185.00) plus the applicable fee under

16 W.S. 23-1-701. Revenues collected from the sale of each

17 stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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19           **23-2-307. Special management permit.**

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21           (b) Special management permits may be purchased from

22 the department or its authorized selling agents for ~~twelve~~

23 ~~dollars (\$12.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00) plus the

1 applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701 and shall be valid for  
2 one (1) calendar year.

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4 **41-13-104. Application for certificate; issuance of**  
5 **certificate and assignment of number; conformity with**  
6 **federal numbering system; expiration and renewal of**  
7 **certificate; transfer of ownership; duplicate certificate;**  
8 **manufacturer and dealer certificates.**

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10 (f) Each certificate of number issued under this act  
11 expires on December 31 of the last year of valid  
12 registration under the certificate unless sooner terminated  
13 or discontinued under this act. A duplicate number may be  
14 obtained by an owner upon application to the department,  
15 which may require payment of a fee of not more than ~~five~~  
16 ~~dollars~~ ~~(\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00). Certificates of  
17 number may be renewed by the owner in the same manner  
18 provided under this act for obtaining initial  
19 certification.

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21 (k) If any certificate of number is lost, mutilated  
22 or becomes illegible, the owner of the motorboat for which  
23 the certificate was issued may obtain a duplicate

1 certificate upon application to the department. The  
2 department may set and collect payment of a fee for a  
3 duplicate certificate not to exceed ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~  
4 ten dollars (\$10.00).

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6 (m) A person engaged in the manufacture or sale of  
7 motorboats may, upon application to the department in the  
8 manner and on forms prescribed by rule and regulation,  
9 obtain certificates of number for use in the testing or  
10 demonstrating of these motorboats. The fee for each  
11 registration under this subsection shall be ~~fifteen dollars~~  
12 ~~(\$15.00)~~ thirty dollars (\$30.00). The numbers assigned by  
13 certificates of number issued under this subsection shall  
14 be temporarily placed on the watercraft to be tested or  
15 demonstrated.

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17 **41-13-109. Motorboat registration fee.**

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19 (a) The nonrefundable and nontransferable  
20 registration fee for motorboats is:

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22 (i) ~~Fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ Thirty dollars  
23 (\$30.00) for one (1) year; or



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(ii) ~~Forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ Eighty dollars

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(\$80.00) for three (3) years.

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**Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-107(c)(ii) is repealed.

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**Section 3.** This act is effective January 1, 2018.

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(END)