

SENATE FILE NO. SF0035

Hunting license lottery.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to hunting licenses; providing for the  
2 issuance of licenses through department authorized raffles  
3 as specified; providing that participation in the raffles  
4 is not gambling; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii) by creating a new  
9 subparagraph (J), 23-1-703(b) and 23-1-705 by creating a  
10 new subsection (m) are amended to read:

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12 **6-7-101. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this article:

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16 (iii) "Gambling" means risking any property for  
17 gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, chance, the

1 operation of a gambling device or the happening or outcome  
2 of an event, including a sporting event, over which the  
3 person taking a risk has no control, but does not include  
4 any of the following:

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6 (J) The hunting license raffle required by  
7 W.S. 23-1-705(m).

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9 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**  
10 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**  
11 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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13 (b) Except as specifically provided under this  
14 subsection, subsection (f) of this section or W.S.  
15 23-1-705(a) and (m), no person may apply for and receive  
16 more than one (1) moose or one (1) ram bighorn sheep  
17 license in any consecutive five (5) year period. Effective  
18 for the 1995 hunting season and each hunting season  
19 thereafter, licenses issued under this subsection shall be  
20 based upon the number of points assigned to each applicant  
21 for a particular species. Effective January 1, 2000,  
22 licenses issued under this subsection shall be issued  
23 partially through a preference point drawing and partially  
24 through a random drawing of all remaining unsuccessful

1 applicants for that year. The department shall assign  
2 points to each license applicant for a specific species by  
3 multiplying the number of years the applicant has  
4 unsuccessfully applied for a license times one (1). The  
5 calculation used to assign points to an applicant for a  
6 particular species under this subsection shall include any  
7 year the applicant does not apply for a big or trophy game  
8 animal hunting license for that species, provided in the  
9 case of a resident the applicant pays the fee specified in  
10 W.S. 23-2-101(k) and in the case of a nonresident the  
11 applicant pays the appropriate fee established by the  
12 commission under W.S. 23-2-101(m). License applicants  
13 within each hunt area for a species shall be grouped  
14 according to the number of assigned points for that  
15 species. Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of  
16 available licenses within any hunt area shall be randomly  
17 selected through a preference point drawing from among the  
18 group of applicants with the largest number of assigned  
19 points and shall continue until all applicants within that  
20 group have been exhausted or until all available licenses  
21 have been issued, whichever first occurs. If any applicant  
22 grouping has been exhausted and licenses remain available  
23 within that hunt area, selection shall continue from among  
24 the group of applicants with the next largest number of

1 assigned points. After the selections through the  
2 preference point drawing have been completed within a hunt  
3 area, the remaining licenses available from that drawing  
4 and the licenses available for the random drawing for that  
5 hunt area will be issued through a random selection from  
6 among all applicants in the hunt area who were not selected  
7 for issuance of a license for the species through the  
8 preference point drawing in that hunt area. For purposes of  
9 assigning points under this subsection, any unsuccessful  
10 license applicant failing to apply for a license, or pay  
11 the applicable fee in lieu of applying, during the second  
12 calendar year shall be considered to be a first year  
13 applicant for any subsequent calendar year in which the  
14 applicant submits license application for that particular  
15 species.

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17 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope**  
18 **hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses;**  
19 **gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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21 (m) Beginning January 1, 2014, the department shall  
22 annually issue one (1) ram bighorn sheep license, one (1)  
23 ewe bighorn sheep license, one (1) moose license, one (1)  
24 mountain goat license, one (1) grizzly bear license, one

1 (1) bull bison license, one (1) cow bison license, three  
2 (3) elk licenses, three (3) deer licenses and three (3)  
3 antelope licenses through random drawing raffles. Raffle  
4 tickets for ram bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat and  
5 bison licenses shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per ticket.  
6 Raffle tickets for ewe bighorn sheep, grizzly bear, elk,  
7 deer and antelope licenses shall be ten dollars (\$10.00)  
8 per ticket. The commission shall promulgate rules and  
9 regulations for the administration of the raffles as  
10 provided in this subsection. The five (5) year restriction  
11 imposed on the receipt of a moose or big horn sheep license  
12 by W.S. 23-1-703(b) or the lifetime restriction imposed on  
13 the receipt of a grizzly bear or mountain goat license by  
14 W.S. 23-1-703(c) shall not be applicable in any manner to a  
15 license issued pursuant to this subsection. Any license  
16 issued under this subsection shall have no effect on the  
17 licensee's accumulation of preference points or application  
18 for any other license issued under this title.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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