

SENATE FILE NO. SF0058

Game and fish licenses.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Pappas, Anselmi-Dalton, Hicks and
Moniz and Representative(s) Flitner,
Freeman, Gierau, Haley and Piiparinen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish licenses; amending
2 provisions related to license expirations; requiring
3 rulemaking; amending provisions related to reservations of
4 certain unused licenses; making conforming amendments; and
5 providing for effective dates.

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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. 23-1-703(f), 23-1-704, 23-2-307(b),
10 23-3-105(b), 23-5-105, 23-5-108(a)(i) and 23-5-109 are
11 amended to read:

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13 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**
14 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**
15 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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2 (f) Notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-704 and 23-2-101(j),

3 any person who is issued and purchases a limited quota,

4 full price big or trophy game animal license for any

5 species and sex of animal and is unable to use for good

6 cause as provided by regulations that license ~~for~~during7 the ~~year in which~~hunting season for which the license is

8 issued, may reserve a license for the particular species

9 and sex of big or trophy game animal designated on the

10 unused license for use during the immediately succeeding

11 ~~calendar year~~hunting season by applying to the commission12 ~~before the opening date of the season for the designated~~13 ~~species and sex of animal during the year for which the~~14 ~~initial license is issued~~in accordance with commission15 rules. The initial big or trophy game animal license shall

16 accompany the application. Upon receipt, the commission

17 shall cancel the initial license and prior to the

18 subsequent season opening date for the designated species19 and sex of animal, during~~the immediately succeeding~~20 ~~calendar year,~~ issue to the applicant at an administrative

21 cost not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed

22 four percent (4%) of the cost of the initial license, a

1 license for the designated big or trophy game animal valid
2 for that ~~year~~ season.

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4 **23-1-704. Licenses; expiration.**

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6 All licenses issued on or after January 1, 2019, expire ~~on~~
7 ~~the last day of the year in which issued~~ as provided in
8 commission rules except as otherwise provided in this
9 title.

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11 **23-2-307. Special management permit.**

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13 (b) Special management permits may be purchased from
14 the department or its authorized selling agents for fifteen
15 dollars (\$15.00) plus the applicable fee under W.S.
16 23-1-701 and, if issued on or after January 1, 2019, shall
17 ~~be valid for one (1) calendar year~~ expire as provided in
18 commission rules.

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20 **23-3-105. Antelope, deer and elk coupons; payment to**
21 **landowner; kill on federal or state land.**

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1 (b) The landowner's coupon shall promptly be
2 detached, dated, signed and delivered to the landowner.
3 The landowner, on or before March 1 following the year
4 close of the hunting season for which the license was
5 issued, shall deliver to the department the coupon and an
6 affidavit that the antelope, deer or elk for which the
7 coupon was delivered was killed on his land. Upon receipt
8 of the coupon and affidavit the department shall pay the
9 landowner sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for each coupon from an
10 antelope, deer or elk license. Landowner's coupons are not
11 transferable. Any unauthorized person attempting to collect
12 any sum for any landowner's coupon is guilty of a high
13 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii).
14 Effective January 1, 2000, the department shall provide a
15 checkoff box on each landowner coupon affidavit claim form
16 that offers the claimant the opportunity to designate the
17 animal damage management board to receive his payment
18 amount for landowner coupons claimed on that form. For each
19 claim made where the landowner has designated his payment
20 to the animal damage management board, the department shall
21 transfer that amount to the animal damage management
22 account created by W.S. 11-6-306 and the department shall

1 retain the fees related to those administrative costs of
2 the transfer.

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4 **23-5-105. License fee; expiration; renewal of**
5 **license.**

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7 Applicants for the license shall pay the proper fee. The
8 license, if issued on or after January 1, 2019, expires ~~on~~
9 ~~April 1 of each year as provided in commission rules,~~ but
10 may be renewed each year in the discretion of the
11 department upon the payment of the proper fee.

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13 **23-5-108. Hunting restricted to established seasons;**
14 **license required; exceptions.**

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16 (a) No person shall take game birds on any licensed
17 game bird farm area at any time except during the
18 established season for game bird farms and unless:

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20 (i) The person has in his possession at the time
21 a license authorizing the hunting of game birds; ~~as~~
22 ~~required under this act or a special bird license;~~ or

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1 **23-5-109. Bird license; fee; license not required of**
2 **commercial purchasers.**

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4 All game bird farm licensees are authorized selling agents
5 of the commission, may issue a ~~special~~ bird license on
6 forms prescribed by the commission to any person who does
7 not have in his possession a license authorizing the
8 hunting of game birds as required by this act, and shall
9 comply with all provisions of this act. ~~Special~~ Bird
10 licenses ~~are valid for a period of three (3) days from the~~
11 ~~date of issuance~~ issued on or after January 1, 2019, expire
12 as provided in commission rules and are valid for use only
13 on the premises of the licensee selling the license. The
14 appropriate fee for the ~~special~~ bird license shall be paid
15 to the department. The licensee may charge such additional
16 fee for his personal services as he feels his operations
17 may dictate, or he may sell directly to a commercial
18 operator or restaurant operator, live or dressed game birds
19 without their having to be killed by the purchaser,
20 provided they are properly receipted, in which case the
21 purchaser is not required to possess a valid game bird
22 hunting license.

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1 **Section 2.** Licenses issued under title 23 of the
2 Wyoming statutes before January 1, 2019, shall expire in
3 accordance with the applicable provisions of law existing
4 prior to amendment by this act.

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6 **Section 3.** Before January 1, 2019, the game and fish
7 commission shall promulgate rules on license expirations
8 and reservations of unused limited quota, full price big or
9 trophy game animal licenses consistent with and in order to
10 fully implement the requirements of section 1 of this act
11 that become effective on January 1, 2019.

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13 **Section 4.**

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15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
16 section, this act is effective January 1, 2019.

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18 (b) Section 3 of this act is effective immediately
19 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become
20 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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