

ENROLLED ACT NO. 38, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2018 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

**Section** 1. W.S. 23-1-703(f), 23-1-704, 21-2-306(a) (intro), 23-2-307(b), 23-3-105(b), 23-5-105, 23-5-108(a) (i) and 23-5-109 are amended to read:

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

(f) Notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-704 and 23-2-101(j), any person who is issued and purchases a limited quota, full price big or trophy game animal license for any species and sex of animal and is unable to use for good cause as provided by regulations that license ~~for~~ during the ~~year in which~~ hunting season for which the license is issued, may reserve a license for the particular species and sex of big or trophy game animal designated on the unused license for use during the immediately succeeding ~~calendar year~~ hunting season by applying to the commission ~~before the opening date of the season for the designated species and sex of animal during the year for which the initial license is issued~~ in accordance with commission rules. The initial big or trophy game animal license shall accompany the application. Upon receipt, the commission shall cancel the initial license and prior to the subsequent season opening date for the designated species and sex of animal, ~~during the immediately succeeding calendar year,~~ issue to the applicant at an administrative

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cost not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed four percent (4%) of the cost of the initial license, a license for the designated big or trophy game animal valid for that ~~year~~ season.

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

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

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

(a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section and the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, each sportsman licensed under W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201 shall purchase a single conservation stamp for twelve dollars (\$12.00) which shall be valid for ~~one (1) calendar year and the time period specified in commission rules~~ not to exceed twelve (12) months. The stamp or an authorization signifying purchase of the stamp shall be in the possession of any person exercising rights under any fishing or hunting license issued pursuant to W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201. Holders of special limited fishing permits issued under W.S. 23-2-207 and holders of licenses only under W.S. 23-2-101(j)(v) and (vi), 23-2-201(d)(vi), (vii) and (ix), 23-2-201(f) and 23-2-201(g) are exempt from the provisions of this section when exercising hunting or fishing privileges provided under those specific licenses. Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All game bird farm licensees are authorized selling agents of the commission, may issue a ~~special~~-bird license on forms prescribed by the commission to any person who does not have in his possession a license authorizing the hunting of game birds as required by this act, and shall comply with all provisions of this act. ~~Special~~-Bird licenses ~~are valid for a period of three (3) days from the date of issuance~~ issued on or after January 1, 2019, expire as provided in commission rules and are valid for use only on the premises of the licensee selling the license. The appropriate fee for the ~~special~~-bird license shall be paid

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to the department. The licensee may charge such additional fee for his personal services as he feels his operations may dictate, or he may sell directly to a commercial operator or restaurant operator, live or dressed game birds without their having to be killed by the purchaser, provided they are properly receipted, in which case the purchaser is not required to possess a valid game bird hunting license.

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

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

**Section 4.**

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

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk