

SENATE FILE NO. SF0139

Game and fish licenses.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Pappas, Hicks and Meier and
Representative(s) Kinner, Piiparinen and
Sweeney

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 23-2-414(b), 23-3-105(b), 23-5-105 and 23-5-109 are amended
11 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 succeeding20 ~~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, 2018, 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 twelve
15 dollars (\$12.00) plus the applicable fee under W.S.
16 23-1-701 and, if issued on or after January 1, 2018, shall
17 ~~be valid for one (1) calendar year~~ expire as provided in
18 commission rules.

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20 **23-2-414. License issuance; fees; term of license;**
21 **renewal; disposition of collected fees.**

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1 (b) A license issued on or after January 1, 2018,
2 under this act ~~is valid for the calendar year in which~~
3 ~~issued and~~ shall expire ~~on December 31 of that year~~ as
4 provided in commission rules unless earlier expiring
5 pursuant to W.S. 23-2-412(b) or otherwise suspended or
6 revoked.

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8 **23-3-105. Antelope, deer and elk coupons; payment to**
9 **landowner; kill on federal or state land.**

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11 (b) The landowner's coupon shall promptly be
12 detached, dated, signed and delivered to the landowner.
13 The landowner, on or before March 1 following the ~~year~~
14 close of the hunting season for which the license was
15 issued, shall deliver to the department the coupon and an
16 affidavit that the antelope, deer or elk for which the
17 coupon was delivered was killed on his land. Upon receipt
18 of the coupon and affidavit the department shall pay the
19 landowner sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for each coupon from an
20 antelope, deer or elk license. Landowner's coupons are not
21 transferable. Any unauthorized person attempting to collect
22 any sum for any landowner's coupon is guilty of a high
23 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii).

1 Effective January 1, 2000, the department shall provide a
2 checkoff box on each landowner coupon affidavit claim form
3 that offers the claimant the opportunity to designate the
4 animal damage management board to receive his payment
5 amount for landowner coupons claimed on that form. For each
6 claim made where the landowner has designated his payment
7 to the animal damage management board, the department shall
8 transfer that amount to the animal damage management
9 account created by W.S. 11-6-306 and the department shall
10 retain the fees related to those administrative costs of
11 the transfer.

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13 **23-5-105. License fee; expiration; renewal of**
14 **license.**

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16 Applicants for the license shall pay the proper fee. The
17 license, if issued on or after January 1, 2018, expires ~~on~~
18 ~~April 1 of each year~~ as provided in commission rules, but
19 may be renewed each year in the discretion of the
20 department upon the payment of the proper fee.

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22 **23-5-109. Special bird license; fee; license not**
23 **required of commercial purchasers.**

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2 All game bird farm licensees are authorized selling agents
3 of the commission, may issue a special bird license on
4 forms prescribed by the commission to any person who does
5 not have in his possession a license authorizing the
6 hunting of game birds as required by this act, and shall
7 comply with all provisions of this act. Special bird
8 licenses ~~are valid for a period of three (3) days from the~~
9 ~~date of issuance~~ issued on or after January 1, 2018, expire
10 as provided in commission rules and are valid for use only
11 on the premises of the licensee selling the license. The
12 appropriate fee for the special bird license shall be paid
13 to the department. The licensee may charge such additional
14 fee for his personal services as he feels his operations
15 may dictate, or he may sell directly to a commercial
16 operator or restaurant operator, live or dressed game birds
17 without their having to be killed by the purchaser,
18 provided they are properly receipted, in which case the
19 purchaser is not required to possess a valid game bird
20 hunting license.

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22 **Section 2.** Licenses issued under title 23 of the
23 Wyoming statutes before January 1, 2018, shall expire in

1 accordance with the applicable provisions of law existing
2 prior to amendment by this act.

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4 **Section 3.** Before January 1, 2018, the game and fish
5 commission shall promulgate rules on license expirations
6 and reservations of unused limited quota, full price big or
7 trophy game animal licenses pursuant to section 1 of this
8 act.

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10 **Section 4.**

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12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
13 section, this act is effective January 1, 2018.

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

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