

**WORKING DRAFT**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; modifying provisions  
2 relating to fees charged for the sale of specified hunting  
3 and fishing licenses, permits, stamps and tags; providing  
4 for additional charges to the price of licenses, permits,  
5 stamps and tags; modifying provisions for the retention of  
6 fees by selling agents; conforming provisions; and  
7 providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-701(a), (b) and (c), 23-1-702,  
12 23-2-101(j) and by creating a new subsection (n), 23-2-  
13 107(e), 23-2-201(d), 23-2-301(c) and 23-2-306(a) and  
14 (b) (intro) are amended to read:

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1           **23-1-701. Selling agents; administration of oaths;**  
2 **game tags.**

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4           (a) The commission with the advice of the director  
5 shall appoint agents to sell game, bird and fish licenses  
6 and tags. Any vendor engaged in the commercial sale of  
7 sporting goods and equipment who holds a valid sales tax  
8 license issued by the department of revenue under W.S. 39-  
9 15-106 may apply to the commission and shall be appointed  
10 as an agent to sell game, bird and fish licenses, permits,  
11 stamps and tags. At the end of each year, the commission  
12 shall renew the appointment of agents who had combined  
13 game, bird and fish license, permit, stamp and tag sales  
14 during that year of not less than one thousand dollars  
15 (\$1,000.00). Renewal of the appointment of agents selling  
16 fish licenses only or agents serving remote locations shall  
17 not be subject to the one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00)  
18 minimum sales requirement. The commission shall provide  
19 bonding for agents for the purpose of selling game, bird  
20 and fish licenses, permits, stamps and tags. Bonding shall  
21 be provided upon receipt of a nonrefundable annual fee of  
22 fifty dollars (\$50.00). The fees shall be deposited in a  
23 bond pool fund except in any month when the bond pool fund  
24 contains one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more

1 the fees shall be deposited in the game and fish fund. The  
2 fee shall be paid to the commission before December 1  
3 preceding the year for which the bond shall be in effect.  
4 Newly appointed agents shall pay the same fee immediately  
5 upon appointment by the commission to receive bonding for  
6 the remainder of the calendar year in which the agent was  
7 appointed. All claims against an agent's bond shall be paid  
8 from the bond pool account.

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10 (b) Each license selling agent shall charge a fee as  
11 provided in this subsection for each license, permit, stamp  
12 or tag he sells or distributes pursuant to this act. The  
13 fee shall not be charged if this act specifies that the  
14 issuance shall be without fee or fails to establish a fee  
15 for the issuance of the license, permit, stamp or tag. Each  
16 selling agent shall retain ~~fifty cents (\$.50)~~ one dollar  
17 and fifty cents (\$1.50) for each license or tag and ~~twenty-~~  
18 ~~five cents (\$.25)~~ fifty cents (\$.50) for each ~~conservation~~  
19 stamp ~~under W.S. 23-2-306~~ or permit he sells. For failure  
20 to comply with this section, selling agents shall not be  
21 entitled to ~~fifty cents (\$.50) per license and twenty-five~~  
22 ~~cents (\$.25) for each conservation stamp sold~~ retain the  
23 amounts specified in this subsection and shall be liable on  
24 their bond. No employee of the commission shall receive any

1 commission on licenses, stamps, permits or tags sold, but  
 2 the department shall charge the additional fee specified in  
 3 this subsection for each license, stamp, permit or tag sold  
 4 by commission employees. The fee charged under this  
 5 subsection shall be in addition to the amount otherwise  
 6 established by this act for the license, permit, stamp or  
 7 tag and shall be as follows:

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 9 (i) One dollar (\$1.00) for each license, except  
 10 that this additional fee shall not be charged for licenses  
 11 under W.S. 23-1-705(e), 23-2-101(j)(xi), (xvi), (xvii),  
 12 (xx), (xxi), (xxxii) or (xxxiii), 23-2-201(d)(iii) or (iv)  
 13 or (f) or 23-2-301(c)(xiii);

14 **\*\*\* STAFF COMMENTS \*\*\***

15 **This would add one dollar to all licenses except:**

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 17 **Under 23-1-705(e) pioneer licenses. Because no**  
 18 **fee is otherwise specified, the additional fee**  
 19 **would also not apply to 23-1-705(a) governor's**  
 20 **complimentary licenses, or (d) disabled veteran.**

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 22 **Youth hunting licenses under 23-2-**  
 23 **101(j)(xi)(nonresident game bird/small game),**  
 24 **(xvi) (resident deer), (xvii)(nonresident deer),**  
 25 **(xx)(nonresident elk), (xxi)(resident elk),**  
 26 **(xxxii)(resident antelope), (xxxiii)(nonresident**  
 27 **antelope)**

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 29 **Youth fishing licenses under 23-2-201(d)(iii) or**  
 30 **(iv)(nonresident and resident youth fishing), and**  
 31 **Youth resident trapping licenses under 23-2-**  
 32 **301(c)(xiii).**

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1                   (ii) One dollar (\$1.00) for each tag;

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3                   (iii) Twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each stamp;

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5                   (iv) Twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each permit,

6 except that this additional fee shall not be charged for

7 permits under W.S. 23-1-302(m).

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9                   **23-1-302(m) is the disabled companion permit,**

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11 **which the statute sets at not more than \$5.00.**

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13                   (c) On or before the 10th of each month every selling

14 agent shall file a report for the preceding month with the

15 commission on forms approved by the commission. Selling

16 agents shall also remit all money collected during the

17 previous month less commission, and shall account for and

18 deliver all surplus, unused and damaged licenses, permits,

19 stamps, tags, and stubs of licenses received by the selling

20 agent to the commission.

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21                   **23-1-702. Duplicate license upon loss or destruction**

22 **of original; issuance; fees.**

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24                   When any license issued under this act has been lost

25 or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the

1 original license from any district office or any authorized  
2 personnel of the department upon the presentation of  
3 satisfactory proof that the original license was lost or  
4 destroyed. Prior to issuing the duplicate license and in  
5 accordance with rule and regulation of the commission, the  
6 department may assess a fee of not more than three dollars  
7 (\$3.00) plus the fee charged under W.S. 23-1-701. Duplicate  
8 licenses shall be issued in accordance with procedure  
9 established by commission order.

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11 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**  
12 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**  
13 **required.**

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15 (j) Subject to W.S. 23-2-101(f) and the applicable  
16 fee under W.S. 23-1-701, the following hunting licenses and  
17 tags may be purchased for the fee indicated and subject to  
18 the limitations provided:

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20 (n) For issuing each harvest information permit  
21 required under federal law commission employees may charge  
22 the fee authorized by W.S. 23-1-701(b)(iv).

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24 **23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**

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2 (e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of  
3 three hundred thirty dollars (\$330.00) and shall pay the  
4 fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). A nonresident applicant  
5 shall pay a license fee of two thousand one hundred dollars  
6 (\$2,100.00) and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-  
7 101(e). The fee charged under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in  
8 addition to the fee imposed under this subsection.

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10 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**  
11 **residency required.**

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13 (d) The following fishing licenses may be purchased  
14 for the fee indicated in addition to the applicable fee  
15 under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to the limitations  
16 provided:

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

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

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

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(a) Subject to subsection (b) 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 ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall be valid for one (1) calendar year and 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 pioneer licenses as defined under W.S. 23-1-705(d) and (e), 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) and (vii) and 23-2-201(f) are exempt from the provisions of this section. Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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(b) A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased for one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) plus the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701. Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:



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

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4           (b) Special management permits may be purchased from  
5 the department or its authorized selling agents for ten  
6 dollars (\$10.00) plus the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-  
7 701 and shall be valid for one (1) calendar year.

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9           **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2005.

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