

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0225

Bighorn sheep ewe and lamb licenses.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman and Brown and
Senator(s) Jennings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for issuance of
2 ewe and calf bighorn sheep licenses without preference
3 points; providing for issuance of ewe and lamb bighorn
4 sheep licenses through reduced price licenses; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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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(b) and (e) and 23-2-101(g),
10 (k) and (m) are amended to read:

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12 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**
13 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**
14 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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1 (b) Except as specifically provided under this
2 subsection, subsection (f) of this section or W.S.
3 23-1-705(a), no person may apply for and receive more than
4 one (1) moose or one (1) ram bighorn sheep license in any
5 consecutive five (5) year period. Effective for the 1995
6 hunting season and each hunting season thereafter, licenses
7 issued under this subsection shall be based upon the number
8 of points assigned to each applicant for a particular
9 species. Effective January 1, 2000, licenses issued under
10 this subsection shall be issued partially through a
11 preference point drawing and partially through a random
12 drawing of all remaining unsuccessful applicants for that
13 year. The department shall assign points to each license
14 applicant for a specific species by multiplying the number
15 of years the applicant has unsuccessfully applied for a
16 license times one (1). The calculation used to assign
17 points to an applicant for a particular species under this
18 subsection shall include any year the applicant does not
19 apply for a big or trophy game animal hunting license for
20 that species, provided in the case of a resident the
21 applicant pays the fee specified in W.S. 23-2-101(k) and in
22 the case of a nonresident the applicant pays the
23 appropriate fee established by the commission under W.S.
24 23-2-101(m). License applicants within each hunt area for a

1 species shall be grouped according to the number of
2 assigned points for that species. Not less than seventy-
3 five percent (75%) of available licenses within any hunt
4 area shall be randomly selected through a preference point
5 drawing from among the group of applicants with the largest
6 number of assigned points and shall continue until all
7 applicants within that group have been exhausted or until
8 all available licenses have been issued, whichever first
9 occurs. If any applicant grouping has been exhausted and
10 licenses remain available within that hunt area, selection
11 shall continue from among the group of applicants with the
12 next largest number of assigned points. After the
13 selections through the preference point drawing have been
14 completed within a hunt area, the remaining licenses
15 available from that drawing and the licenses available for
16 the random drawing for that hunt area will be issued
17 through a random selection from among all applicants in the
18 hunt area who were not selected for issuance of a license
19 for the species through the preference point drawing in
20 that hunt area. For purposes of assigning points under this
21 subsection, any unsuccessful license applicant failing to
22 apply for a license, or pay the applicable fee in lieu of
23 applying, during the second calendar year shall be
24 considered to be a first year applicant for any subsequent

1 calendar year in which the applicant submits license
2 application for that particular species.

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4 (e) The commission shall reserve eighty percent (80%)
5 of the moose and seventy-five percent (75%) of the ram and
6 ewe and lamb bighorn sheep, mountain goat and grizzly bear
7 licenses to be issued in any one (1) year for resident
8 hunters.

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10 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
11 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
12 **required.**

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14 (g) In promulgating rules and regulations for the
15 taking of bighorn sheep and moose, the commission shall not
16 discriminate between residents and nonresidents regarding
17 the maturity, horn size or sex of the animals which may be
18 taken. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as
19 prohibiting the commission from issuing a different number
20 of licenses for residents and nonresidents, ~~or~~ from
21 requiring a preference point fee from nonresidents only
22 pursuant to subsection (m) of this section or from issuing
23 reduced price ewe and lamb bighorn sheep licenses as
24 provided in subsection (d) of this section.

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2 (k) Any resident qualified to purchase a moose or ram
3 big horn sheep hunting license under subsection (b) of this
4 section may pay a fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) in lieu of
5 applying for a moose or ram big horn sheep hunting license.
6 Payment of the fee for a particular species under this
7 subsection shall authorize the person to accumulate points
8 under W.S. 23-1-703(b) for that year in the same manner as
9 if he had unsuccessfully applied for a hunting license for
10 that species. Payment of the fee shall be made in
11 compliance with application dates.

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13 (m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as
14 part of any preference point program for nonresident
15 antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep, nonresident moose,
16 nonresident deer or nonresident elk, the commission may
17 establish a nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from
18 the license fee remitted or submitted separately when
19 application for a license or preference point is made
20 through electronic licensing, and may also establish a fee
21 to be paid in lieu of applying for licenses that are
22 limited in quota. Retention of the established fee or
23 payment of the fee in lieu of applying shall authorize the
24 person to accumulate a preference point for future drawings

1 for licenses that are limited in quota for the applicable
2 species in accordance with rules of the commission. The
3 rules may provide for the loss of all accumulated points
4 for persons failing to apply or to pay the in lieu fee in
5 two (2) consecutive calendar years. The fee for any
6 program under this subsection for antelope, deer or elk
7 shall be established by rule and shall not exceed fifty
8 dollars (\$50.00) per species. Payment of the fee shall be
9 made in compliance with application dates. Nothing in this
10 subsection authorizes the commission to establish or retain
11 a fee for resident moose or resident ram bighorn sheep
12 license preference points in addition to the fee
13 established by subsection (k) of this section or to
14 establish rules for ram bighorn sheep or moose preference
15 point drawings in conflict with the provisions of W.S.
16 23-1-703(b). For nonresident ram bighorn sheep and
17 nonresident moose licenses, the commission may establish by
18 rule a nonrefundable preference point fee to be withheld
19 from either the license fee remitted or submitted
20 separately when application for a license or preference
21 point is made through electronic licensing and may
22 establish a fee in lieu of making application in an amount
23 greater than that established under subsection (k) of this
24 section, but neither fee shall exceed one hundred dollars

1 (\$100.00). Fees established under this subsection may be
2 set at lower amounts for youth license applicants.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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