

SENATE FILE NO. SF0083

Game & fish-resident preference points.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks and Representative(s)
Burkhart, Jaggi and Loucks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring preference
2 point programs for resident antelope, deer and elk
3 licenses; providing for fees; providing for rulemaking; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(g) and 23-2-101(m) are
9 amended to read:

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11 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**
12 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**
13 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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15 (g) In addition to the authority granted under
16 subsection (b) of this section, the commission ~~may~~shall

1 through rule and regulation develop and implement a
2 preference point program for resident and nonresident
3 antelope, resident and nonresident deer and resident and
4 nonresident elk licenses which are limited in quota and
5 would otherwise be issued through a random drawing. A
6 program established pursuant to this subsection may be
7 implemented for all or selected hunt areas and may be
8 applied to all or portions of licenses for any particular
9 species. Allocation of resident limited quota licenses for
10 elk, deer and antelope under the preference point program
11 shall be as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The
12 commission may charge ~~nonresident~~—license applicants a
13 nonrefundable fee to accumulate preference points under the
14 program as provided in W.S. 23-2-101(m).

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16 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
17 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
18 **required.**

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20 (m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as
21 part of any preference point program for resident and
22 nonresident antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep,
23 nonresident moose, resident and nonresident deer or
24 resident and nonresident elk, the commission may establish

1 a nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from the license
2 fee remitted or submitted separately when application for a
3 license or preference point is made through electronic
4 licensing, and may also establish a fee to be paid in lieu
5 of applying for licenses that are limited in quota.
6 Retention of the established fee or payment of the fee in
7 lieu of applying shall authorize the person to accumulate a
8 preference point for future drawings for licenses that are
9 limited in quota for the applicable species in accordance
10 with rules of the commission. The rules may provide for
11 the loss of all accumulated points for persons failing to
12 apply or to pay the in lieu fee in two (2) consecutive
13 calendar years. The fee for any program under this
14 subsection for antelope, deer or elk shall be established
15 by rule and shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per
16 species for nonresidents and ten dollars (\$10.00) per
17 species for residents. Payment of the fee shall be made in
18 compliance with application dates. Nothing in this
19 subsection authorizes the commission to establish or retain
20 a fee for resident moose or resident ram bighorn sheep
21 license preference points in addition to the fee
22 established by subsection (k) of this section or to
23 establish rules for ram bighorn sheep or moose preference
24 point drawings in conflict with the provisions of W.S.

1 23-1-703(b). For nonresident ram bighorn sheep and
2 nonresident moose licenses, the commission may establish by
3 rule a nonrefundable preference point fee to be withheld
4 from either the license fee remitted or submitted
5 separately when application for a license or preference
6 point is made through electronic licensing and may
7 establish a fee in lieu of making application in an amount
8 greater than that established under subsection (k) of this
9 section, but neither fee shall exceed one hundred dollars
10 (\$100.00). Fees established under this subsection may be
11 set at lower amounts for youth license applicants. Nothing
12 in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the
13 commission from issuing a different number of licenses for
14 residents and nonresidents.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2012.

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