

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0102

Hunter safety course-preference points.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clem and Tass and Senator(s)  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing preference  
2 points for persons who complete a hunter safety course as  
3 specified; making conforming amendments; and providing for an  
4 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(b), (g), (h) and by creating  
9 a new subsection (j) and 23-2-109 are 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; reservation**  
13 **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 species.  
9 Effective January 1, 2000, licenses issued under this  
10 subsection shall be issued partially through a preference  
11 point drawing and partially through a random drawing of all  
12 remaining unsuccessful applicants for that year. The  
13 department shall assign points to each license applicant for  
14 a specific species by multiplying the number of years the  
15 applicant has unsuccessfully applied for a license times one  
16 (1). The calculation used to assign points to an applicant  
17 for a particular species under this subsection shall include  
18 any year the applicant does not apply for a big or trophy  
19 game animal hunting license for that species, provided in the  
20 case of a resident the applicant pays the fee specified in  
21 W.S. 23-2-101(k) and in the case of a nonresident the  
22 applicant pays the appropriate fee established by the  
23 commission under W.S. 23-2-101(m), and shall include points

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

1 receive a point under subsection (j) of this section, during  
2 the second calendar year shall be considered to be a first  
3 year applicant for any subsequent calendar year in which the  
4 applicant submits license application for that particular  
5 species.

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7 (g) In addition to the authority granted under  
8 subsection (b) of this section, the commission may through  
9 rule and regulation develop and implement a preference point  
10 program for nonresident antelope, nonresident deer and  
11 nonresident elk licenses which are limited in quota and would  
12 otherwise be issued through a random drawing. A program  
13 established pursuant to this subsection may be implemented  
14 for all or selected hunt areas and may be applied to all or  
15 portions of licenses for any particular species. The  
16 commission may charge nonresident license applicants a  
17 nonrefundable fee to accumulate preference points under the  
18 program as provided in W.S. 23-2-101(m). The calculation used  
19 to assign points under this program shall include points  
20 awarded to the applicant under subsection (j) of this section.

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22 (h) Rules and regulations shall be promulgated by the  
23 game and fish commission to carry out subsections (a) through

1 (f) and (j) of this section and may be promulgated as provided  
2 in subsection (g) of this section.

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4 (j) The department shall award one (1) preference point  
5 to any person who attends and completes a hunter safety course  
6 that is conducted by the department under W.S. 23-2-106(b) or  
7 another course that is similar in content and instruction and  
8 that is approved by the commission. A person shall only  
9 accumulate one (1) preference point under this subsection  
10 once every five (5) years. The person may designate preference  
11 points earned under this subsection toward any particular  
12 species for which the commission has established a preference  
13 point program.

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15 **23-2-109. Multiple applications for limited licenses**  
16 **prohibited; penalty.**

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18 Except as otherwise authorized by law or rule of the  
19 commission, no person shall submit more than one (1)  
20 application for a license for the same big or trophy game  
21 species or for wild turkey, if the issuance of the license  
22 has been limited by the commission. A violation of this  
23 subsection shall be punishable as a high misdemeanor

1 punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii), by the loss  
2 of all points then assigned to the person pursuant to W.S.  
3 23-1-703(b), ~~or~~ (g) or (j), and disqualification in the year  
4 of submission for any license for the species for which the  
5 multiple applications were submitted.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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