

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0069

Wildlife conservation efforts-1.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to wildlife conservation; providing for
2 voluntary donations to support wildlife conservation efforts
3 related to the transportation system; 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. 23-2-101 by creating a new subsection
9 (p), 23-2-201 by creating a new subsection (h),
10 23-2-306(a)(intro) and by creating a new subsection (d),
11 24-1-131, 31-2-231(b) and 36-4-121 by creating a new
12 subsection (t) are amended to read:

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1 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
2 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
3 **required.**

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5 (p) In addition to other fees under this section,
6 persons applying for a license or tag under this section may
7 pay any whole dollar amount to support wildlife conservation
8 efforts related to the transportation system. The department
9 shall provide information on the application form that the
10 applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection.
11 Funds collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to
12 the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife
13 conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b). The
14 department shall deduct and retain an amount equal to the
15 administrative costs incurred in complying with this
16 subsection.

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18 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**
19 **residency required.**

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21 (h) In addition to other fees under this section,
22 persons applying for a license under this section may pay any
23 whole dollar amount to support wildlife conservation efforts

1 related to the transportation system. The department shall
2 provide information on the application form specifying that
3 the applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection.
4 Funds collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to
5 the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife
6 conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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8 **23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.**

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10 (a) Subject to subsections (b), ~~and~~ (c) and (d) of this
11 section and the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, each
12 sportsman licensed under W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201
13 shall purchase a single conservation stamp for twelve dollars
14 (\$12.00) which shall be valid for the time period specified
15 in commission rules not to exceed twelve (12) months. The
16 stamp or an authorization signifying purchase of the stamp
17 shall be in the possession of any person exercising rights
18 under any fishing or hunting license issued pursuant to W.S.
19 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201. Holders of special limited
20 fishing permits issued under W.S. 23-2-207 and holders of
21 licenses only under W.S. 23-1-302(q), 23-2-101(j)(v) and
22 (vi), 23-2-201(d)(vi), (vii) and (ix), 23-2-201(f) and
23 23-2-201(g) are exempt from the provisions of this section

1 when exercising hunting or fishing privileges provided under
2 those specific licenses. Revenues collected from the sale of
3 each stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as
4 follows:

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6 (d) In addition to other fees under this section,
7 persons applying for a conservation stamp or a lifetime
8 conservation stamp under this section may pay any whole dollar
9 amount to support wildlife conservation efforts related to
10 the transportation system. The department shall provide
11 information on the application form specifying that the
12 applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection.
13 Funds collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to
14 the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife
15 conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b). The
16 department shall deduct and retain an amount equal to the
17 administrative costs incurred in complying with this
18 subsection.

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20 **24-1-131. Travel centers.**

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22 (a) The transportation commission and the director of
23 the department of transportation shall ensure that all

1 buildings owned or controlled by the department of
2 transportation and utilized as travel centers are directed
3 and operated by one (1) or more agencies appointed by the
4 transportation commission for the best interests of all
5 Wyoming people. For purposes of this section an agency may be
6 defined as a chamber of commerce, or any state or local
7 governmental entity. If no agency is appointed, the
8 commission shall direct and operate the travel centers.

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10 (b) The department of transportation, in consultation
11 with the commission, shall establish facilities at one (1) or
12 more travel centers to accept donations in support of wildlife
13 conservation efforts related to the transportation system.
14 Funds collected under this subsection shall be deposited into
15 the wildlife conservation account created under
16 W.S. 31-2-231(b). In carrying out the requirements of this
17 subsection, the department may enter into agreements with
18 financial institutions or persons operating remote electronic
19 terminals for the collection of donations.

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21 **31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates;**
22 **wildlife conservation account.**

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1 (b) The fees collected under subsection (a) of this
2 section shall be payable to the department and shall be
3 accounted for separately. Except as otherwise provided by
4 law, the fees collected under subsection (a) of this section
5 and funds collected under W.S. 23-2-101(p), 23-2-201(h),
6 23-2-306(d), 24-1-131(b) and 36-4-121(t) shall be distributed
7 to the wildlife conservation account within the state highway
8 fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the wildlife
9 conservation account shall only be used to provide for
10 wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation
11 system, including signage, wildlife corridors, wildlife
12 crossings and game fences.

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14 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation areas**
15 **and historic sites.**

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17 (t) The department shall include as part of the
18 opportunity to purchase a permit that allows use of state
19 parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and historic
20 sites the option for a permittee to donate an additional
21 amount in support of wildlife conservation efforts related to
22 the transportation system. Funds collected under this

1 subsection shall be deposited into the wildlife conservation
2 account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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