

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).

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15 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**
16 **residency required.**

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18 (h) In addition to other fees under this section,
19 persons applying for a license under this section may pay any
20 whole dollar amount to support wildlife conservation efforts
21 related to the transportation system. The department shall
22 provide information on the application form specifying that
23 the applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection.

1 Funds collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to
2 the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife
3 conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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5 **23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.**

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

1 each stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as
2 follows:

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4 (d) In addition to other fees under this section,
5 persons applying for a conservation stamp or a lifetime
6 conservation stamp under this section may pay any whole dollar
7 amount to support wildlife conservation efforts related to
8 the transportation system. The department shall provide
9 information on the application form specifying 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).

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15 **24-1-131. Travel centers.**

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17 (a) The transportation commission and the director of
18 the department of transportation shall ensure that all
19 buildings owned or controlled by the department of
20 transportation and utilized as travel centers are directed
21 and operated by one (1) or more agencies appointed by the
22 transportation commission for the best interests of all
23 Wyoming people. For purposes of this section an agency may be

1 defined as a chamber of commerce, or any state or local
2 governmental entity. If no agency is appointed, the
3 commission shall direct and operate the travel centers.

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

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16 **31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates;**
17 **wildlife conservation account.**

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19 (b) The fees collected under subsection (a) of this
20 section shall be payable to the department and shall be
21 accounted for separately. The fees collected under subsection
22 (a) of this section and funds collected under
23 W.S. 23-2-101(p), 23-2-201(h), 23-2-306(d), 24-1-131(b) and

1 36-4-121(t) shall be distributed to the wildlife conservation
2 account within the state highway fund, which is hereby
3 created. Funds in the wildlife conservation account shall
4 only be used to provide for wildlife conservation efforts
5 related to the transportation system, including signage,
6 wildlife corridors, wildlife crossings and game fences.

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8 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation areas**
9 **and historic sites.**

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11 (t) The department shall include as part of the
12 opportunity to purchase a permit that allows use of state
13 parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and historic
14 sites the option for a permittee to donate an additional
15 amount in support of wildlife conservation efforts related to
16 the transportation system. Funds collected under this
17 subsection shall be deposited into the wildlife conservation
18 account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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

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