

SENATE FILE NO. SF0065

Wild bison licenses.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; amending provisions
2 relating to the reservation of unused licenses; providing
3 for the reservation of unused wild bison licenses;
4 authorizing wild bison licenses to be donated to a veteran
5 or person with disabilities; and providing for effective
6 dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(f) and 23-1-705(k) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of certain licenses;**
14 **reservation of certain licenses; reservation of certain**
15 **unused licenses.**

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2 (f) Notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-704, ~~and 23-2-101(j)~~3 ~~and 23-2-107(e)~~, any person who is issued and purchases a4 ~~limited quota, full price big or trophy game animal license~~5 ~~for any species and sex of animal and is unable to use for~~6 ~~good cause as provided by regulations that license for the~~7 ~~year in which issued~~ license listed in paragraph (i) of8 this subsection, but who does not use the license, may9 reserve a license for the particular species and sex of ~~big~~10 ~~or trophy game~~ animal designated on the unused license for

11 use during the immediately succeeding hunting season by

12 applying to the commission in accordance with commission

13 rules. ~~The initial big or trophy game animal license shall~~14 ~~accompany the application~~ as provided in this subsection.15 Upon receipt of an application that establishes the16 conditions listed in paragraphs (i) through (iv) of this17 subsection, the commission shall cancel the initial license

18 and prior to the subsequent season opening date for the

19 designated species and sex of animal, issue to the

20 applicant at an administrative cost not less than ten

21 dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed four percent (4%) of the

22 cost of the initial license, a license for the designated

23 ~~big or trophy game~~ animal valid for that season. A person

1 may apply for and reserve a license under this subsection
2 only if all the following conditions exist:

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4 (i) The license is one (1) of the following:

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6 (A) A limited quota, full price big game
7 animal license;

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9 (B) A trophy game animal license;

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11 (C) An any wild bison license;

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13 (D) A female or calf wild bison license.

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15 (ii) The person has not hunted with the initial
16 license, is unable to use the license in the year for which
17 it was issued and good cause, as defined in commission rule
18 and regulation, exists for the person's inability to use
19 the license in the year for which it was issued;

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21 (iii) The person submits an application to the
22 commission that demonstrates eligibility under this

1 subsection before the closing date of the season for which
2 the initial license was issued;

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4 (iv) The person submits the initial license with
5 the application.

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7 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope**
8 **hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses;**
9 **gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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11 (k) The holder of any valid big game animal license,
12 trophy game animal license, an any wild bison license or a
13 female or calf wild bison license may surrender said
14 license to the department for reissuance to a veteran with
15 disabilities or a person with a permanent disability who
16 uses a wheelchair as established by commission rule and
17 regulation selected and sponsored by a nonprofit charitable
18 organization providing hunting opportunities for disabled
19 veterans or persons with permanent disabilities who use
20 wheelchairs. Any license reissued in accordance with the
21 provisions of this subsection shall be for the same
22 species, area and license type as the license donated. The
23 license shall be reissued by the department to a qualifying

1 person at no fee. Any license donated and reissued under
2 the provisions of this subsection shall not be sold,
3 traded, auctioned or offered for any monetary value and
4 shall not be issued to, or used by, any person other than a
5 qualifying person under the provision of this section and
6 in compliance with commission rule and regulation.
7 Licenses reissued to persons pursuant to this subsection
8 shall not be subject to residency, drawing or fee
9 requirements under W.S. 23-2-101 or 23-2-107. The five (5)
10 year restriction imposed on the receipt of a moose or big
11 horn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b), ~~or~~ the lifetime
12 restriction imposed on the receipt of a grizzly bear or
13 mountain goat license by W.S. 23-1-703(c) or the
14 restrictions imposed on the harvest of a wild bison under
15 W.S. 23-2-107(f) shall not be applicable in any manner to a
16 license issued pursuant to this subsection.

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18 **Section 2.** The game and fish commission shall
19 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement
20 this act on or before July 1, 2020.

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Section 3.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2020.

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(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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