

SENATE FILE NO. SF0094

Hunting licenses-resident and nonresident.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks and Anselmi-Dalton and
Representative(s) Burkhardt, Edwards,
Henderson and Jennings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; modifying the number of
2 licenses reserved for resident hunters; increasing
3 specified nonresident license fees; repealing provisions
4 for special nonresident licenses; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(e), 23-2-101(e), (j)(intro),
10 (xv), (xix), (xxiii), (xxv), (xxvii) and (xxxi) and
11 23-2-107(e) are amended to read:

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

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2 (e) The commission shall reserve ~~eighty percent (80%)~~
3 ~~of the moose and seventy five percent (75%) of the ram and~~
4 ~~ewe and lamb bighorn sheep, mountain goat~~ at least ninety
5 percent (90%) of big game animal, bison and grizzly bear
6 licenses to be issued in any one (1) year for resident
7 hunters. In any hunt area with less than ten (10) licenses
8 available, the commission shall not issue any licenses to
9 nonresident hunters pursuant to this subsection. The
10 commission shall determine the allocation of resident and
11 nonresident mountain lion harvest. When the commission
12 determines the number of licenses available for nonresident
13 hunters under this subsection, the commission shall reserve
14 at least thirty percent (30%) of those licenses for
15 nonresident hunters who are hunting with a licensed
16 outfitter. The commission shall adopt rules necessary to
17 implement a process to issue licenses to nonresident
18 hunters who are hunting with a licensed outfitter as
19 provided in this subsection.

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21 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
22 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
23 **required.**

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2 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
3 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this
4 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase
5 of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game license
6 or wild bison license. The resident application fee shall
7 be five dollars (\$5.00) and the nonresident application fee
8 shall be ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ seventeen dollars
9 (\$17.00). The application fee is in addition to the fees
10 prescribed by ~~subsections (f) and~~ subsection (j) of this
11 section and by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable to the
12 department either directly or through an authorized selling
13 agent of the department. At the beginning of each month,
14 the commission shall set aside all of the fees collected
15 during calendar year 1980 and not to exceed twenty-five
16 percent (25%) of the fees collected thereafter pursuant to
17 this subsection to establish and maintain a working balance
18 of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to
19 compensate owners or lessees of property damaged by game
20 animals and game birds.

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22 (j) Subject to W.S. ~~23-2-101(f)~~, 23-1-705(e) and the
23 applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, the following hunting

1 licenses and tags may be purchased for the fee indicated
2 and subject to the limitations provided:

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4 (xv) Nonresident deer license; one (1) deer

5 ~~372.00~~ 550.00

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7 (xix) Nonresident elk license; one (1) elk,
8 fishing privileges ~~690.00~~ 800.00

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10 (xxiii) Nonresident bighorn sheep license; one
11 (1) bighorn sheep ~~2,318.00~~ 3,000.00

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13 (xxv) Nonresident mountain goat license; one (1)
14 mountain goat ~~2,160.00~~ 2,500.00

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16 (xxvii) Nonresident moose license; one (1) moose
17 ~~1,980.00~~ 2,500.00

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19 (xxxi) Nonresident antelope license; one (1)
20 antelope ~~324.00~~ 425.00

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22 **23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**

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1 (e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of
2 four hundred twelve dollars (\$412.00) for a license to
3 harvest any wild bison or two hundred fifty-eight dollars
4 (\$258.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf wild
5 bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e).
6 A nonresident applicant shall pay a license fee of ~~four~~
7 ~~thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00)~~ five thousand
8 five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) for a license to harvest
9 any wild bison or two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars
10 (\$2,750.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf wild
11 bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e).
12 The fee charged under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in addition to
13 the fee imposed under this subsection.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-101(f) is repealed.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective January 1, 2022.

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19 (END)