

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0043

Trophy game, big game and wild bison license allocations.

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

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; modifying license  
2 allocations for resident and non-resident hunters for  
3 grizzly bears, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, wild bison  
4 and moose; imposing lifetime restrictions on bighorn sheep,  
5 wild bison and moose; creating an exception; making  
6 conforming amendments; striking obsolete language;  
7 requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-302(p), 23-1-703(a) through (c)  
12 and (e), 23-1-705(a) and (k), 23-2-101(g) and (k) and  
13 23-2-107(f)(intro) are amended to read:

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15 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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2       (p) The commission may, by rule and regulation,  
3 establish a process by which big game licenses, trophy game  
4 licenses and wild bison licenses may be issued by a  
5 competitive raffle and prescribe the manner of payment for  
6 which raffle chances are sold and the amount of payment for  
7 each raffle chance. No more than two (2) licenses for each  
8 big game species and trophy game species and no more than  
9 two (2) wild bison licenses shall be issued under this  
10 subsection. Each license issued for bighorn sheep, moose,  
11 mountain goat, ~~or grizzly bear~~ or wild bison through a  
12 competitive raffle shall, when applicable, be counted  
13 against any nonresident quota. The five (5) year  
14 restriction imposed on the receipt of a moose or ~~big horn~~  
15 bighorn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b) or the lifetime  
16 restriction imposed on the receipt of a grizzly bear, ~~or~~  
17 mountain goat, bighorn sheep, wild bison or moose license  
18 by W.S. 23-1-703(c), and any restriction imposed on the  
19 receipt of a wild bison license by W.S. 23-2-107 shall not  
20 be applicable in any manner to a license issued pursuant to  
21 this subsection. The commission shall issue licenses upon  
22 receipt of the proper license fee by the successful  
23 competitive raffle winner. Nothing in this subsection shall

1 authorize the issuance of a license to any person whose  
2 privilege to procure, purchase or possess a license has  
3 been suspended pursuant to this act or by operation of law.

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5       **23-1-703. Limitation of number of certain licenses;**  
6 **reservation of certain licenses; reservation of certain**  
7 **unused licenses.**

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9       (a) The commission may limit the number of resident  
10 or nonresident big or trophy game animal licenses or wild  
11 bison licenses to be sold in any calendar year and may  
12 designate dates after which one (1) or more classes of  
13 licenses will not be sold except as authorized by the  
14 commission.

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16       (b) ~~Except as specifically provided under this~~  
17 ~~subsection, subsection (f) of this section or W.S.~~  
18 ~~23-1-705(a),~~ Subject to subsection (c) of this section, no  
19 person may apply for and receive more than one (1) cow or  
20 calf moose or one (1) ~~ram~~ ewe or lamb bighorn sheep license  
21 in any consecutive five (5) year period. ~~Effective for the~~  
22 ~~1995 hunting season and each hunting season thereafter,~~  
23 ~~licenses issued under this subsection shall be based upon~~

1 ~~the number of points assigned to each applicant for a~~  
2 ~~particular species. Effective January 1, 2000, L~~icenses  
3 issued under this subsection shall be issued partially  
4 through a preference point drawing and partially through a  
5 random drawing of all remaining unsuccessful applicants for  
6 that year. The department shall assign points to each  
7 license applicant for a specific species by multiplying the  
8 number of years the applicant has unsuccessfully applied  
9 for a license times one (1). The calculation used to assign  
10 points to an applicant for a particular species under this  
11 subsection shall include any year the applicant does not  
12 apply for a big or trophy game animal hunting license for  
13 that species, provided in the case of a resident the  
14 applicant pays the fee specified in W.S. 23-2-101(k) L and  
15 in the case of a nonresident L the applicant pays the  
16 appropriate fee established by the commission under W.S.  
17 23-2-101(m). License applicants within each hunt area for a  
18 species shall be grouped according to the number of  
19 assigned points for that species. Not less than  
20 seventy-five percent (75%) of available licenses within any  
21 hunt area shall be randomly selected through a preference  
22 point drawing from among the group of applicants with the  
23 largest number of assigned points and shall continue until

1 all applicants within that group have been exhausted or  
2 until all available licenses have been issued, whichever  
3 first occurs. If any applicant grouping has been exhausted  
4 and licenses remain available within that hunt area,  
5 selection shall continue from among the group of applicants  
6 with the next largest number of assigned points. After the  
7 selections through the preference point drawing have been  
8 completed within a hunt area, the remaining licenses  
9 available from that drawing and the licenses available for  
10 the random drawing for that hunt area will be issued  
11 through a random selection from among all applicants in the  
12 hunt area who were not selected for issuance of a license  
13 for the species through the preference point drawing in  
14 that hunt area. For purposes of assigning points under this  
15 subsection, any unsuccessful license applicant failing to  
16 apply for a license, or pay the applicable fee in lieu of  
17 applying, during the second calendar year shall be  
18 considered to be a first year applicant for any subsequent  
19 calendar year in which the applicant submits license  
20 application for that particular species.

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22 (c) ~~For the 1995 hunting season and each hunting~~  
23 ~~season thereafter, Except~~ as provided in this subsection

1 and subsection (f) of this section, W.S. 23-1-302(p) and  
2 23-1-705(a) or by rule of the commission, no person who is  
3 issued a hunting license for a grizzly bear, ~~or for a~~  
4 mountain goat, any moose or antlered moose, any ram bighorn  
5 sheep and any wild bison shall be eligible to apply for or  
6 receive a hunting license for that particular species in  
7 any future year. The commission may issue hunting licenses  
8 to any person in future years when necessary for wildlife  
9 management purposes to harvest grizzly bear, mountain goat,  
10 ewe or lamb bighorn sheep or cow or calf moose. The  
11 commission may issue hunting licenses to any person to  
12 harvest cow or calf wild bison pursuant to W.S.  
13 23-2-107(f).

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15 ~~(e) The commission shall reserve eighty percent (80%)~~  
16 ~~of the moose and seventy five percent (75%) of the ram and~~  
17 ~~ewe and lamb bighorn sheep, mountain goat and grizzly bear~~  
18 ~~licenses to be issued in any one (1) year for resident~~  
19 ~~hunters~~ Beginning July 1, 2022, and annually thereafter,  
20 the commission shall begin to gradually increase the number  
21 of ram bighorn sheep, wild bull bison, bull moose, mountain  
22 goat and grizzly bear licenses issued in any one (1) year  
23 to resident hunters and shall do so in a proportionately

1 equal manner. Beginning July 1, 2027, the commission shall  
2 reserve ninety percent (90%) of the bighorn sheep, wild  
3 bison, moose, mountain goat and grizzly bear licenses to be  
4 issued in any one (1) year for resident hunters and the  
5 remaining ten percent (10%) of the bighorn sheep, wild  
6 bison, moose, mountain goat and grizzly bear licenses shall  
7 be reserved for nonresident hunters. The commission shall  
8 determine the allocation of resident and nonresident  
9 mountain lion harvest.

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11 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; pioneer licenses;**  
12 **antelope hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt**  
13 **licenses; gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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15 (a) At the request of the governor, the commission  
16 shall annually issue up to twenty-five (25) complimentary  
17 hunting and twenty-five (25) complimentary fishing  
18 licenses. Not more than five (5) ~~big horn~~ bighorn sheep,  
19 five (5) moose and five (5) wild bison licenses shall be  
20 issued under this subsection. The five (5) year restriction  
21 imposed on the receipt of a moose, ~~or big horn~~ bighorn  
22 sheep or wild bison license by W.S. 23-1-703(b) and (c),  
23 and any restriction imposed on taking of wild bison under

1 commission rule and regulation shall not be applicable in  
2 any manner to a license issued pursuant to this subsection.  
3 Except as provided under subsection (g) of this section, no  
4 complimentary licenses may be issued at the request of the  
5 appointed commissioners. Immediately upon issuance of any  
6 of these licenses, the commission shall submit to the  
7 secretary of state for maintenance as a public record, the  
8 name and address of each licensee and the type of license  
9 issued.

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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~~ to a veteran with disabilities or a person with  
21 a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair. Any license  
22 reissued in accordance with the provisions of this  
23 subsection shall be for the same species, area and license



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

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20 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**  
21 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**  
22 **required.**

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1           (g) In promulgating rules and regulations for the  
2 taking of bighorn sheep and moose, the commission shall not  
3 discriminate between residents and nonresidents regarding  
4 the maturity, and horn size ~~or sex~~ of the animals which may  
5 be taken. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as  
6 prohibiting the commission from issuing a different number  
7 of licenses for residents and nonresidents, from requiring  
8 a preference point fee from nonresidents only pursuant to  
9 subsection (m) of this section or from issuing reduced  
10 price ewe and lamb bighorn sheep licenses as provided in  
11 subsection (d) of this section.

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13           (k) Any resident qualified to purchase a moose or ram  
14 ~~big horn~~ bighorn sheep hunting license under subsection (j)  
15 of this section may pay a fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) in  
16 lieu of applying for a moose or ram ~~big horn~~ bighorn sheep  
17 hunting license. Payment of the fee for a particular  
18 species under this subsection shall authorize the person to  
19 accumulate points under W.S. 23-1-703(b) for that year in  
20 the same manner as if he had unsuccessfully applied for a  
21 hunting license for that species. Payment of the fee shall  
22 be made in compliance with application dates.

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1           **23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**

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3           (f) ~~Any~~ In accordance with W.S. 23-1-703(c), no  
4 person ~~who is issued:~~ may apply for and receive more than  
5 one (1) cow or calf wild bison license in any consecutive  
6 five (5) year period.

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8           **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-107(f)(i) and (ii) is repealed.

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10          **Section 3.** The game and fish commission shall  
11 promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions  
12 of this act by January 1, 2023.

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1           Section 4.

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3           (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
4 section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.

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(b) Sections 3 and 4 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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11 ( END )