

## 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 harvest restrictions on  
5 bighorn sheep, wild bison and moose; creating an exception;  
6 making 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~~ apply to a license issued  
21 pursuant to this subsection. The commission shall issue  
22 licenses upon receipt of the proper license fee by the  
23 successful competitive raffle winner. Nothing in this

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1           (c) ~~For the 1995 hunting season and each hunting~~  
2 ~~season thereafter, Except~~ as provided in this subsection  
3 and subsection (f) of this section, W.S. 23-1-302(p) and  
4 23-1-705(a) or by rule of the commission, no person who is  
5 issued a hunting license for a grizzly bear, ~~or for a~~  
6 mountain goat, any moose or antlered moose, any bighorn  
7 sheep and any wild bison shall be eligible to apply for or  
8 receive a hunting license for that particular species in  
9 any future year. The commission may issue hunting licenses  
10 to any person in future years when necessary for wildlife  
11 management purposes to harvest grizzly bear, mountain goat,  
12 ewe or lamb bighorn sheep or cow or calf moose. The  
13 commission may issue hunting licenses to any person to  
14 harvest cow or calf wild bison pursuant to W.S.  
15 23-2-107(f).

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17           (e) The commission shall reserve ninety percent (90%)  
18 of the ram bighorn sheep, wild bull bison, bull moose,  
19 mountain goat and grizzly bear licenses to be issued in any  
20 one (1) year for resident hunters and the remaining ten  
21 percent (10%) of the ram bighorn sheep, wild bull bison,  
22 bull moose, mountain goat and grizzly bear licenses shall  
23 be reserved for nonresident hunters. The commission shall

1 reserve ~~eighty percent (80%)~~ ninety percent (90%) of the  
 2 cow moose licenses and ~~seventy five percent (75%)~~ ninety  
 3 percent (90%) of the ~~ram and~~ ewe and lamb bighorn sheep,  
 4 ~~mountain goat and grizzly bear~~ licenses to be issued in any  
 5 one (1) year for resident hunters. The commission shall  
 6 allocate hunting licenses for wild cow or calf bison  
 7 pursuant to W.S. 23-2-107. The commission shall determine  
 8 the allocation of resident and nonresident mountain lion  
 9 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 lifetime and five (5)  
 21 year ~~restriction~~ restrictions imposed on the receipt of a  
 22 moose, ~~or big horn~~ bighorn sheep or wild bison license by  
 23 W.S. 23-1-703(b) and (c), and any restriction imposed on

1 taking of wild bison under commission rule and regulation  
2 shall ~~not be applicable in any manner~~ apply to a license  
3 issued pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided  
4 under subsection (g) of this section, no complimentary  
5 licenses may be issued at the request of the appointed  
6 commissioners. Immediately upon issuance of any of these  
7 licenses, the commission shall submit to the secretary of  
8 state for maintenance as a public record, the name and  
9 address of each licensee and the type of license 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~~  
18 apply to a 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) In accordance with W.S. 23-1-703(c), any person  
4 who is issued+ a cow or calf wild bison license shall be  
5 ineligible to apply for or receive a license for a female  
6 or calf bison in the immediately following five (5) years.

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

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