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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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

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6 (p) In addition to other fees under this section,
7 persons applying for a license or tag under this section may
8 pay any whole dollar amount to support wildlife conservation
9 efforts related to the transportation system. The department
10 shall provide information on the application form that the
11 applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection.
12 Revenues collected under this subsection shall be transmitted
13 to the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife
14 conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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

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

applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection.
Revenues collected under this subsection shall be transmitted
to the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife
conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.

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

1 specific licenses. Revenues collected from the sale of each
2 stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as 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 that the applicant may
10 pay the contribution under this subsection. Revenues
11 collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to the
12 state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife conservation
13 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 at one (1) or more travel
7 center facilities to accept donations in support of wildlife
8 conservation efforts related to the transportation system.
9 Revenues collected under this subsection shall be deposited
10 into the wildlife conservation account created under W.S. 31-
11 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 revenues 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. Revenues 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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22 (END)