

SENATE FILE NO. SF0031

Complimentary big game licenses.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring governor
2 complimentary big game hunting licenses to be issued to
3 nonprofit organizations; requiring a portion of proceeds
4 from governor and commission complimentary licenses to be
5 remitted to the game and fish fund; specifying use of the
6 proceeds; providing for compliance; and providing for
7 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. 23-1-705(a) and (g) is amended to
12 read:

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14 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope**
15 **hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses;**
16 **gratuitous licenses.**

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(a) At the request of the governor, the commission shall annually issue up to twenty (20) complimentary hunting and twenty (20) complimentary fishing licenses. Not more than five (5) big horn sheep and five (5) moose licenses shall be issued under this subsection. The five (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt of a moose or big horn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b) shall not be applicable in any manner to a license issued pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided under subsection (g) of this section, no complimentary licenses may be issued at the request of the appointed commissioners. ~~Immediately upon issuance of any of these licenses, the commission shall submit to the secretary of state for maintenance as a public record, the name and address of each licensee and the type of license issued.~~ Any big game license issued under this subsection shall be designated to nonprofit charitable organizations. As a condition of accepting the big game license, the organization shall agree to auction or otherwise bid the license to the highest bidder or to raffle the license to members of the public and to remit to the game and fish department not less than fifty percent (50%) of the gross proceeds received for deposit in the game and fish fund for habitat improvement. The department

1 may maintain a civil action against an organization failing
2 to remit proceeds as required and any such organization
3 shall be ineligible for any future license issued under
4 this subsection.

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6 (g) In addition to complimentary licenses under
7 subsection (a) of this section, each appointed commissioner
8 may cause to be issued at cost not more than a total of
9 eight (8) elk, deer or antelope designated licenses per
10 year. All licenses issued under this subsection shall be
11 designated to nonprofit charitable organizations. As a
12 condition of accepting the license, the organization shall
13 agree to auction or otherwise bid the license to the
14 highest bidder or to raffle the license to members of the
15 public and to remit to the game and fish department not
16 less than fifty percent (50%) of the gross proceeds
17 received for deposit in the game and fish fund for habitat
18 improvement. The department may maintain a civil action
19 against an organization failing to remit proceeds as
20 required and any such organization shall be ineligible for
21 any future license issued under this subsection.

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23 **Section 2.**
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1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
2 section, this act is effective immediately upon completion
3 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided
4 by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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6 (b) The amendments made to W.S. 21-3-705(a) by this
7 act are effective January 1, 2003.

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