

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0259

Preference points for big game.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Simpson, Childers, Gay and Olsen and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring the game and  
2 fish commission to establish preference point programs for  
3 hunting licenses as specified; 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. 23-1-703(g), by creating a new  
9 subsection (h) and by amending and renumbering (h) as (j)  
10 and 23-2-101 by creating a new subsection (p) are amended  
11 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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1 (g) In addition to the authority granted under  
2 subsection (b) of this section, the commission ~~may~~ shall  
3 through rule and regulation promulgated by July 1, 2005  
4 develop and implement by January 1, 2006 a preference point  
5 program for nonresident antelope, nonresident deer and  
6 nonresident elk licenses which are limited in quota and  
7 would otherwise be issued through a random drawing. A  
8 program established pursuant to this subsection may be  
9 implemented for all or selected hunt areas and may be  
10 applied to all or portions of licenses for any particular  
11 species. The commission may charge nonresident license  
12 applicants a nonrefundable fee to accumulate preference  
13 points under the program as provided in W.S. 23-2-101(m).

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15 (h) In addition to the authority granted under this  
16 section, the commission shall through rule and regulation  
17 promulgated by July 1, 2005, develop and implement by  
18 January 1, 2006 a preference point program for resident  
19 antelope, resident deer and resident elk licenses which are  
20 limited in quota and would otherwise be issued through a  
21 random drawing. A program established pursuant to this  
22 subsection may be implemented for all or selected hunt  
23 areas and may be applied to all or portions of licenses for  
24 resident antelope, resident deer or resident elk licenses.

1 The commission may charge resident license applicants a  
2 nonrefundable fee to accumulate preference points under the  
3 program as provided in W.S. 23-2-101(p).

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5 ~~(h)(j)~~ Rules and regulations shall be promulgated by  
6 the game and fish commission to carry out subsections (a)  
7 through ~~(f)(h)~~ of this section. ~~and may be promulgated as~~  
8 ~~provided in subsection (g) of this section.~~

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10 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**  
11 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**  
12 **required.**

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14 (p) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as  
15 part of any preference point program for resident antelope,  
16 resident deer or resident elk license, a resident qualified  
17 to purchase an antelope, deer or elk hunting license under  
18 such preference point program may pay a fee of seven  
19 dollars (\$7.00) in lieu of applying for an antelope, deer  
20 or elk hunting license. Payment of the fee for a  
21 particular species under this subsection shall authorize  
22 the person to accumulate points under the program provided  
23 in W.S. 23-1-703(h) for that year in the same manner as if  
24 he had unsuccessfully applied for a hunting license for

1 that species. Payment of the fee in lieu of applying shall  
2 authorize the person to accumulate a preference point for  
3 future drawings for licenses that are limited in quota for  
4 the applicable species in accordance with rules of the  
5 commission. The rules may provide for the loss of all  
6 accumulated points for persons failing to apply or to pay  
7 the in lieu fee in two (2) consecutive calendar years.  
8 Payment of the fee shall be made in compliance with  
9 application dates.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
14 Constitution.

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16 (END)