

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Elk hunting licenses.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to nonresident elk hunting licenses;
2 providing a pool of licenses for use by nonresidents
3 procuring the services of a licensed outfitter; increasing
4 percentage of nonresident elk licenses available through a
5 special drawing; providing penalties; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-2-110 is created to read:

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12 **23-2-110. Sworn affidavit required; use of outfitter**
13 **required; penalty.**

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1 Except as otherwise authorized by law or rule of the
2 commission, every applicant for a special drawing
3 nonresident elk license made available only to persons
4 using the services of a licensed outfitter, as provided in
5 W.S. 23-2-101(f), shall submit a sworn affidavit that the
6 applicant will use the services of a licensed outfitter in
7 the state when hunting with the license. The application
8 shall include the name and license number of the outfitter
9 providing services during the hunt. Every applicant
10 receiving a nonresident elk license for use with a licensed
11 outfitter shall procure the services of a licensed
12 outfitter in the state for the hunt authorized by the
13 license. A violation of this subsection shall be
14 punishable as a 5th degree misdemeanor, by the loss of all
15 points then assigned to the person pursuant to W.S. 23-1-
16 703(b) or (g), and disqualification in any subsequent year
17 for any license for which an application is submitted by
18 the applicant.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-101(f) is amended to read:

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

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2 (f) ~~Forty percent (40%)~~ Sixty percent (60%) of

3 available nonresident elk licenses, forty percent (40%) of

4 available nonresident deer licenses and forty percent (40%)

5 of available nonresident antelope licenses for any one (1)

6 calendar year shall as established by the commission, be

7 offered to nonresident applicants upon receipt of the fee

8 prescribed by this subsection. Seventy-five (75) of the

9 nonresident deer licenses set aside pursuant to this

10 subsection shall be used for a national bow hunt for deer.

11 The nonresident deer and antelope licenses authorized by

12 this subsection shall be offered by drawing to nonresident

13 applicants prior to the drawing for the remaining

14 nonresident licenses issued. The nonresident elk licenses15 authorized by this subsection shall be offered by drawing16 to nonresident applicants prior to the drawing for the17 remaining nonresident licenses issued. Of the nonresident18 elk licenses authorized by this subsection, seventeen19 percent (17%) shall be offered solely to nonresident20 applicants who have submitted a sworn affidavit that they21 will use the services of a licensed outfitter in the state.

22 The licenses offered under this subsection shall be issued

23 in a manner prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated

24 by the commission. Nothing in this subsection shall

1 prohibit any unsuccessful applicant for a nonresident
2 license pursuant to this subsection from submitting an
3 application for any licenses remaining after the drawing
4 during the calendar year in which the application under
5 this subsection was submitted. The following fees shall be
6 collected by the department and are in addition to the
7 nonresident license fee for the appropriate big game
8 species imposed under subsection (j) of this section and
9 the application fee imposed under subsection (e) of this
10 section:

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12 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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