

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Game and fish-license fees.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; amending license,
2 application, stamp and permit fees; amending landowner
3 coupon payments; amending selling agent fees; and providing
4 for an 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. 23-1-701(b), 23-2-101(e), (f) (i)
9 through (iii) and (j) (i) through (xliii), 23-2-107(c) (ii)
10 and (e), 23-2-201(d), 23-2-301(c), 23-2-306(a) (intro) and
11 (i) and (b) (intro), 23-2-307(b) and 23-3-105(b) are amended
12 to read:

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14 **23-1-701. Selling agents; administration of oaths;**
15 **licenses, permits and game tags.**

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2 (b) Each license selling agent shall charge a fee as
3 provided in this subsection for each license, permit or
4 stamp he sells or distributes pursuant to this act. The
5 fee shall not be charged if this act specifies that the
6 issuance shall be without fee or fails to establish a fee
7 for the issuance of the license, permit or stamp. Each
8 license, permit or stamp sold or distributed under this act
9 shall display the total amount only of all fees and other
10 charges required under this act or otherwise provided by
11 law. Each selling agent shall retain ~~one dollar and fifty~~
12 ~~cents (\$1.50)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) for each license and
13 fifty cents (\$.50) for each stamp or permit he sells. For
14 failure to comply with this section, selling agents shall
15 not be entitled to retain the amounts specified in this
16 subsection and shall be liable on their bond. No employee
17 of the commission shall receive any commission on licenses,
18 stamps or permits sold, but the department shall charge the
19 additional fee specified in this subsection, or otherwise
20 provided by law, for each license, stamp or permit sold by
21 commission employees. The fee charged under this
22 subsection shall be in addition to the amount otherwise
23 established by this act for the license, permit or stamp
24 and shall be as follows:

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2 (i) ~~One dollar (\$1.00)~~ Two dollars (\$2.00) for
3 each license, except that this additional fee shall not be
4 charged for licenses under W.S. 23-1-705(e),
5 23-2-101(j) (xi), (xvi), (xvii), (xx), (xxi), (xxxii) or
6 (xxxiii), 23-2-201(d) (iii) or (iv) or (f) or
7 23-2-301(c) (xiii);

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9 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
10 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
11 **required.**

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13 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
14 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this
15 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase
16 of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game license
17 or wild bison license. The resident application fee shall
18 be ~~four dollars (\$4.00)~~ five dollars (\$5.00) and the
19 nonresident application fee shall be ~~twelve dollars~~
20 ~~(\$12.00)~~ fourteen dollars (\$14.00). The application fee is
21 in addition to the fees prescribed by subsections (f) and
22 (j) of this section and by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be
23 payable to the department either directly or through an
24 authorized selling agent of the department. At the

1 beginning of each month, the commission shall set aside all
2 of the fees collected during calendar year 1980 and not to
3 exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the fees collected
4 thereafter pursuant to this subsection to establish and
5 maintain a working balance of five hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$500,000.00), to compensate owners or lessees of property
7 damaged by game animals and game birds.

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9 (f) Forty percent (40%) of available nonresident elk
10 licenses, forty percent (40%) of available nonresident deer
11 licenses and forty percent (40%) of available nonresident
12 antelope licenses for any one (1) calendar year shall as
13 established by the commission, be offered to nonresident
14 applicants upon receipt of the fee prescribed by this
15 subsection. Seventy-five (75) of the nonresident deer
16 licenses set aside pursuant to this subsection shall be
17 used for a national bow hunt for deer. The licenses
18 authorized by this subsection shall be offered by drawing
19 to nonresident applicants prior to the drawing for the
20 remaining nonresident licenses issued. The licenses
21 offered under this subsection shall be issued in a manner
22 prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated by the
23 commission. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any
24 unsuccessful applicant for a nonresident license pursuant

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

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10 (i) Nonresident elk license..... ~~\$400.00~~
11 \$480.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
12 paragraph (j)(xix) of this section;

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14 (ii) Nonresident deer license.... ~~\$200.00~~
15 \$240.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
16 paragraph (j)(xv) of this section;

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18 (iii) Nonresident antelope license..... ~~\$200.00~~
19 \$240.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
20 paragraph (j)(xxxi) of this section.

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22 (j) Subject to W.S. 23-2-101(f), 23-1-705(e) and the
23 applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, the following hunting

1 licenses and tags may be purchased for the fee indicated
2 and subject to the limitations provided:

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4 (i) Resident black bear license; one (1) black
5 bear.....~~\$36.00~~ \$43.00

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7 (ii) Nonresident black bear license; one (1)
8 black bear.....~~300.00~~ 360.00

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10 (iii) Resident mountain lion license; one (1)
11 mountain lion.....~~24.00~~ 28.00

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13 (iv) Nonresident mountain lion license; one (1)
14 mountain lion.....~~300.00~~ 360.00

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16 (v) Resident daily game bird/small game license;
17 all game birds except wild turkey.....~~6.00~~ 7.00

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19 (vi) Nonresident daily game bird/small game
20 license; all game birds except wild turkey.....~~15.00~~ 18.00

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22 (vii) Resident lifetime game bird and small game
23 license; all game birds except wild turkey.....~~250.00~~ 300.00

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1 (viii) Resident lifetime game bird/small game
 2 and fishing license; all game birds except wild turkey
 3~~400.00~~ 480.00

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 5 (ix) Resident game bird/small game license; all
 6 game birds except wild turkey.....~~18.00~~ 22.00

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 8 (x) Nonresident game bird/small game license;
 9 all game birds except wild turkey.....~~60.00~~ 70.00

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 11 (xii) Resident archery license.....~~12.00~~ 14.00

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 13 (xiii) Nonresident archery license....~~24.00~~ 28.00

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 15 (xiv) Resident deer license; one (1) deer~~30.00~~ 36.00

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 17 (xv) Nonresident deer license; one (1)
 18 deer.....~~260.00~~ 310.00

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 20 (xviii) Resident elk license; one (1) elk~~42.00~~ 50.00

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 22 (xix) Nonresident elk license; one (1) elk,
 23 fishing privileges.....~~480.00~~ 575.00

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1	(xxii) Resident bighorn sheep license; one (1)	
2	bighorn sheep.....	95.00 <u>115.00</u>
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4	(xxiii) Nonresident bighorn sheep license; one	
5	(1) bighorn sheep.....	1,900.00 <u>2,250.00</u>
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7	(xxiv) Resident mountain goat license; one (1)	
8	mountain goat.....	100.00 <u>120.00</u>
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10	(xxv) Nonresident mountain goat license; one (1)	
11	mountain goat.....	1,800.00 <u>2,150.00</u>
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13	(xxvi) Resident moose license; one (1)	
14	moose.....	90.00 <u>110.00</u>
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16	(xxvii) Nonresident moose license; one (1)	
17	moose.....	1,200.00 <u>1,400.00</u>
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19	(xxviii) Resident grizzly bear license; one (1)	
20	grizzly bear.....	500.00 <u>600.00</u>
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22	(xxix) Nonresident grizzly bear license; one (1)	
23	grizzly bear.....	5,000.00 <u>6,000.00</u>
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1 (xxx) Resident antelope license; one (1)

2 antelope.....~~26.00~~ 31.00

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4 (xxxii) Nonresident antelope license; one (1)

5 antelope.....~~225.00~~ 270.00

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7 (xxxiv) Resident license to capture falcons for

8 falconry purposes.....~~30.00~~ 36.00

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10 (xxxv) Nonresident license to capture falcons

11 for falconry purposes.....~~200.00~~ 240.00

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13 (xxxvii) License to hunt with falcon; game

14 birds, small game animals.....~~12.00~~ 14.00

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16 (xxxviii) Resident turkey license.....~~12.00~~ 14.00

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18 (xxxix) Nonresident turkey license.....~~60.00~~ 70.00

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20 (xl) Wyoming interstate game tag.....~~5.00~~ 6.00

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22 (xli) Resident game bird license; all game birds

23 except turkey.....~~12.00~~ 14.00

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1 (xlii) Resident small game license....~~12.00~~14.00

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3 (xliii) From and after the date gray wolves are
4 removed from the list of experimental nonessential
5 population, endangered species or threatened species in
6 Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

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8 (A) Resident gray wolf license ~~\$15.00~~\$18.00

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10 (B) Nonresident gray wolf license ~~\$150.00~~\$180.00

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12 **23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**

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14 (c) The commission shall promulgate reasonable rules
15 and regulations regulating wild bison licenses and the
16 management of wild bison. The rules shall provide for:

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18 (ii) A nonrefundable entry fee for the drawing
19 of a license, which shall be a minimum of ~~five dollars~~
20 ~~(\$5.00)~~six dollars (\$6.00);

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22 (e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of
23 ~~three hundred thirty dollars (\$330.00)~~four hundred dollars
24 (\$400.00) and shall pay the fee required by W.S.

1 23-2-101(e). A nonresident applicant shall pay a license
 2 fee of ~~two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00)~~ two
 3 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and shall pay the
 4 fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). The fee charged under
 5 W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in addition to the fee imposed under
 6 this subsection.

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8 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**
 9 **residency required.**

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11 (d) The following fishing licenses may be purchased
 12 for the fee indicated in addition to the applicable fee
 13 under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to the limitations
 14 provided:

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16 (i) Resident fishing license.....~~\$ 18.00~~ \$22.00

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18 (ii) Nonresident fishing license.....~~75.00~~ 90.00

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20 (vi) Nonresident daily fishing license
 21~~10.00~~ 12.00

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23 (vii) Resident daily fishing license
 24~~3.00~~ 4.00

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(viii) Resident lifetime fishing license

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**23-2-301. Miscellaneous fees; verification of
residency required.**

(c) The following licenses and tags may be purchased for the fee indicated in addition to the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to other requirements of this article:

(i) Resident trapping license-furbearing ~~\$35.00~~ \$42.00

(ii) License to capture furbearing animals for domestication..... ~~15.00~~ 18.00

(iii) Resident fur dealer's license... ~~42.00~~ 50.00

(iv) Nonresident fur dealer's license ~~230.00~~ 275.00

(v) Taxidermist's license..... ~~55.00~~ 65.00

(vi) Nonresident taxidermist's license ~~600.00~~ 700.00

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(vii) Game bird farm license.....~~110.00~~ 130.00

(viii) Fishing preserve license.....~~110.00~~ 130.00

(ix) Commercial fish hatchery license~~150.00~~ 180.00

(x) License to seine or trap fish.....~~15.00~~ 18.00

(xi) License to deal in live bait.....~~55.00~~ 65.00

(xii) Nonresident trapping license-
furbearing.....~~200.00~~ 240.00

23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) 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 ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twelve dollars (\$12.00) which shall be valid for one (1) calendar year and 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

1 issued pursuant to W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201.
2 Holders of licenses issued under W.S. 23-1-705(d) and (e),
3 of special limited fishing permits issued under W.S.
4 23-2-207 and holders of licenses only under W.S.
5 23-2-101(j) (v) and (vi), 23-2-201(d) (vi) and (vii),
6 23-2-201(f) and 23-2-201(g) are exempt from the provisions
7 of this section. Revenues collected from the sale of each
8 stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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10 (i) ~~Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50)~~ Twenty-
11 five percent (25%) of the revenues collected under this
12 subsection into the account created under W.S. 23-1-501(e);

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14 (b) A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased
15 for ~~one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)~~ one hundred eighty
16 dollars (\$180.00) plus the applicable fee under W.S.
17 23-1-701. Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp
18 under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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20 **23-2-307. Special management permit.**

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22 (b) Special management permits may be purchased from
23 the department or its authorized selling agents for ~~ten~~
24 ~~dollars (\$10.00)~~ twelve dollars (\$12.00) plus the

1 applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701 and shall be valid for
2 one (1) calendar year.

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4 **23-3-105. Antelope, deer and elk coupons; payment to**
5 **landowner; kill on federal or state land.**

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7 (b) The landowner's coupon shall promptly be
8 detached, dated, signed and delivered to the landowner. The
9 landowner on or before February 1 following the year for
10 which the license was valid, shall deliver to the
11 department the coupon and an affidavit that the antelope,
12 deer or elk for which the coupon was delivered was killed
13 on his land. Upon receipt of the coupon and affidavit the
14 department shall pay the landowner ~~thirteen dollars~~
15 ~~(\$13.00)~~ sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for each coupon from an
16 antelope, deer or elk license. Landowner's coupons are not
17 transferable. Any unauthorized person attempting to collect
18 any sum for any landowner's coupon is guilty of a second
19 degree misdemeanor. Effective January 1, 2000, the
20 department shall provide a checkoff box on each landowner
21 coupon affidavit claim form that offers the claimant the
22 opportunity to designate the animal damage management board
23 to receive his payment amount for landowner coupons claimed
24 on that form. For each claim made where the landowner has

1 designated his payment to the animal damage management
2 board, the department shall transfer that amount to the
3 animal damage management account created by W.S. 11-6-306
4 and the department shall retain the fees related to those
5 administrative costs of the transfer.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2008.

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