

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0240

ENROLLED ACT NO. 61, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2007 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing for use of crossbows with leverage gaining devices; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-2-104(e) is amended to read:

23-2-104. Archery licenses; special seasons; prohibition against firearms; equipment.

(e) When hunting antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, mountain goat or mountain lion the longbow hunter must be equipped with a longbow of not less than forty (40) pounds draw weight or possessing the ability to cast a hunting arrow of four hundred (400) grain weight at least one hundred sixty (160) yards. When hunting elk, grizzly bear or moose, the longbow hunter must be equipped with a longbow of not less than fifty (50) pounds draw weight or possessing the ability to cast a hunting arrow of five hundred (500) grain weight at least one hundred sixty (160) yards. The crossbow hunter must be equipped with a crossbow of not less than ninety (90) pounds draw weight which has a minimum draw length of fourteen (14) inches (from front of bow to back of string in the cocked position) and a positive safety mechanism. ~~and, except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, which must be cocked by hand without the aid of leverage gaining devices.~~ Crossbow bolts must be at least sixteen (16) inches long. The broadhead of arrows or bolts shall be of sharp steel with a minimum cutting width of one (1) inch. The provisions of this subsection relating to the hunting of antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, mountain goat and mountain lion shall also apply to the hunting of the gray wolf as a trophy game animal from and after the date gray wolves are

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removed from the list of experimental nonessential population, endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108.

Section 2. W.S. 23-2-104(f) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk