SENATE FILE NO. SF0039

Game and fish violations.

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

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to game and fish violations; providing additional penalties for hunting when hunting privileges have been revoked or suspended; extending penalties; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-6-206(a)(intro), (b), by creating new subsections (c) and (d) and by renumbering (c) as (e) is amended to read:

23-6-206. Revocation of license; hunting after suspended license.

(a) The court may, in its discretion, revoke any license issued under this act to any person convicted of a

violation of this act, for the remainder of the year in which the conviction occurs, and except for conviction of a 10th or 11th degree misdemeanor, may suspend the person's privilege to purchase or receive any other license under this act, or to take any wildlife for the following time periods:

(b) No person whose license has been forfeited or privilege to purchase another license suspended shall procure, purchase, or possess another license during the period of forfeiture or suspension. If the person procures, purchases, or possesses another license during such period, the license is invalid and that person is not entitled to receive another license for ~~the year~~ up to six (6) years next succeeding the ~~year in which a conviction of a violation of this subsection occurs~~ original revocation or suspension period. Violation of this subsection constitutes a ~~9th~~ 5th degree misdemeanor.

(c) No person whose license has been forfeited or privilege to purchase another license suspended shall take any wildlife prohibited by the court during the period of forfeiture or suspension. If the person takes any wildlife prohibited by the court during such period, that person is

not entitled to receive another license for up to six (6) years next succeeding the original revocation or suspension period. Violation of this subsection constitutes a 5th degree misdemeanor.

(d) The court may revoke the privileges of a person convicted of a violation of this act to purchase or receive any license or take any wildlife prohibited by the court until all fines, costs and restitution imposed by the court are satisfied. Any person who violates this subsection shall be punished pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

~~(c)~~(e) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt by any Wyoming court having legal jurisdiction of the offense from which no appeal is legally perfected. Pleas of nolo contendere and forfeitures of bail shall be deemed convictions for the purposes of this act.

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

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