

SENATE FILE NO. SF0003

Preference points.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; removing provisions
2 providing for the loss of accumulated preference points as
3 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(b) and 23-2-101(m) are amended
8 to read:

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10 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game**
11 **animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses; reservation**
12 **of certain unused licenses.**

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14 (b) Except as specifically provided under this
15 subsection, subsection (f) of this section or W.S.

1 23-1-705(a), no person may apply for and receive more than
2 one (1) moose or one (1) ram bighorn sheep license in any
3 consecutive five (5) year period. Effective for the 1995
4 hunting season and each hunting season thereafter, licenses
5 issued under this subsection shall be based upon the number
6 of points assigned to each applicant for a particular species.
7 Effective January 1, 2000, licenses issued under this
8 subsection shall be issued partially through a preference
9 point drawing and partially through a random drawing of all
10 remaining unsuccessful applicants for that year. The
11 department shall assign points to each license applicant for
12 a specific species by multiplying the number of years the
13 applicant has unsuccessfully applied for a license times one
14 (1). The calculation used to assign points to an applicant
15 for a particular species under this subsection shall include
16 any year the applicant does not apply for a big or trophy
17 game animal hunting license for that species, provided in the
18 case of a resident the applicant pays the fee specified in
19 W.S. 23-2-101(k) and in the case of a nonresident the
20 applicant pays the appropriate fee established by the
21 commission under W.S. 23-2-101(m). License applicants within
22 each hunt area for a species shall be grouped according to
23 the number of assigned points for that species. Not less than

1 seventy-five percent (75%) of available licenses within any
2 hunt area shall be randomly selected through a preference
3 point drawing from among the group of applicants with the
4 largest number of assigned points and shall continue until
5 all applicants within that group have been exhausted or until
6 all available licenses have been issued, whichever first
7 occurs. If any applicant grouping has been exhausted and
8 licenses remain available within that hunt area, selection
9 shall continue from among the group of applicants with the
10 next largest number of assigned points. After the selections
11 through the preference point drawing have been completed
12 within a hunt area, the remaining licenses available from
13 that drawing and the licenses available for the random drawing
14 for that hunt area will be issued through a random selection
15 from among all applicants in the hunt area who were not
16 selected for issuance of a license for the species through
17 the preference point drawing in that hunt area. ~~For purposes
18 of assigning points under this subsection, any unsuccessful
19 license applicant failing to apply for a license, or pay the
20 applicable fee in lieu of applying, during the second calendar
21 year shall be considered to be a first year applicant for any
22 subsequent calendar year in which the applicant submits
23 license application for that particular species.~~

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

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6 (m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as
7 part of any preference point program for nonresident
8 antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep, nonresident moose,
9 nonresident deer or nonresident elk, the commission may
10 establish a nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from the
11 license fee remitted or submitted separately when application
12 for a license or preference point is made through electronic
13 licensing, and may also establish a fee to be paid in lieu of
14 applying for licenses that are limited in quota. Retention
15 of the established fee or payment of the fee in lieu of
16 applying shall authorize the person to accumulate a
17 preference point for future drawings for licenses that are
18 limited in quota for the applicable species in accordance
19 with rules of the commission. ~~The rules may provide for the~~
20 ~~loss of all accumulated points for persons failing to apply~~
21 ~~or to pay the in lieu fee in two (2) consecutive calendar~~
22 ~~years.~~ The fee for any program under this subsection for
23 antelope, deer or elk shall be established by rule and shall

1 not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per species. Payment
2 of the fee shall be made in compliance with application dates.
3 Nothing in this subsection authorizes the commission to
4 establish or retain a fee for resident moose or resident ram
5 bighorn sheep license preference points in addition to the
6 fee established by subsection (k) of this section or to
7 establish rules for ram bighorn sheep or moose preference
8 point drawings in conflict with the provisions of W.S.
9 23-1-703(b). For nonresident ram bighorn sheep and
10 nonresident moose licenses, the commission may establish by
11 rule a nonrefundable preference point fee to be withheld from
12 either the license fee remitted or submitted separately when
13 application for a license or preference point is made through
14 electronic licensing and may establish a fee in lieu of making
15 application in an amount greater than that established under
16 subsection (k) of this section, but neither fee shall exceed
17 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Fees established under
18 this subsection may be set at lower amounts for youth license
19 applicants.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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