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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Game and fish-resident preference points.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for preference
2 point programs for resident antelope, deer and elk
3 licenses; providing for fees; providing for rulemaking; and
4 providing 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. 23-1-703(g) and 23-2-101(m) are
9 amended to read:

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

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2 (g) In addition to the authority granted under
3 subsection (b) of this section, the commission may through
4 rule and regulation develop and implement a preference
5 point program for resident and nonresident antelope,
6 resident and nonresident deer and resident and nonresident
7 elk licenses which are limited in quota and would otherwise
8 be issued through a random drawing. A program established
9 pursuant to this subsection may be implemented for all or
10 selected hunt areas and may be applied to all or portions
11 of licenses for any particular species. The commission may
12 charge ~~nonresident~~ license applicants a nonrefundable fee
13 to accumulate preference points under the program as
14 provided in W.S. 23-2-101(m).

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16 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
17 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
18 **required.**

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20 (m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as
21 part of any preference point program for resident or
22 nonresident antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep,
23 nonresident moose, resident or nonresident deer or resident

1 or nonresident elk, the commission may establish a
2 nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from the license
3 fee remitted or submitted separately when application for a
4 license or preference point is made through electronic
5 licensing, and may also establish a fee to be paid in lieu
6 of applying for licenses that are limited in quota.
7 Retention of the established fee or payment of the fee in
8 lieu of applying shall authorize the person to accumulate a
9 preference point for future drawings for licenses that are
10 limited in quota for the applicable species in accordance
11 with rules of the commission. The rules may provide for
12 the loss of all accumulated points for persons failing to
13 apply or to pay the in lieu fee in two (2) consecutive
14 calendar years. The fee for any program under this
15 subsection for antelope, deer or elk shall be established
16 by rule and shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per
17 species for nonresidents or thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)
18 per species for residents. Payment of the fee shall be
19 made in compliance with application dates. Nothing in this
20 subsection authorizes the commission to establish or retain
21 a fee for resident moose or resident ram bighorn sheep
22 license preference points in addition to the fee
23 established by subsection (k) of this section or to

1 establish rules for ram bighorn sheep or moose preference
2 point drawings in conflict with the provisions of W.S.
3 23-1-703(b). For nonresident ram bighorn sheep and
4 nonresident moose licenses, the commission may establish by
5 rule a nonrefundable preference point fee to be withheld
6 from either the license fee remitted or submitted
7 separately when application for a license or preference
8 point is made through electronic licensing and may
9 establish a fee in lieu of making application in an amount
10 greater than that established under subsection (k) of this
11 section, but neither fee shall exceed one hundred dollars
12 (\$100.00). Fees established under this subsection may be
13 set at lower amounts for youth license applicants. Nothing
14 in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the
15 commission from issuing a different number of licenses for
16 residents and nonresidents.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2011.

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