

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0240

Game and fish-crossbow restrictions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Landon, Madden and White
and Senator(s) Fecht

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing for use of
2 crossbows with leverage gaining devices; and providing for
3 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. 23-2-104(e) is amended to read:

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9 **23-2-104. Archery licenses; special seasons;**
10 **prohibition against firearms; equipment.**

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12 (e) When hunting antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear,
13 deer, mountain goat or mountain lion the longbow hunter
14 must be equipped with a longbow of not less than forty (40)
15 pounds draw weight or possessing the ability to cast a
16 hunting arrow of four hundred (400) grain weight at least

1 one hundred sixty (160) yards. When hunting elk, grizzly
2 bear or moose, the longbow hunter must be equipped with a
3 longbow of not less than fifty (50) pounds draw weight or
4 possessing the ability to cast a hunting arrow of five
5 hundred (500) grain weight at least one hundred sixty (160)
6 yards. The crossbow hunter must be equipped with a crossbow
7 of not less than ninety (90) pounds draw weight which has a
8 minimum draw length of fourteen (14) inches (from front of
9 bow to back of string in the cocked position), ~~and~~ and a
10 positive safety mechanism. ~~, and, except as provided in~~
11 ~~subsection (f) of this section, which must be cocked by~~
12 ~~hand without the aid of leverage gaining devices.~~ Crossbow
13 bolts must be at least sixteen (16) inches long. The
14 broadhead of arrows or bolts shall be of sharp steel with a
15 minimum cutting width of one (1) inch. The provisions of
16 this subsection relating to the hunting of antelope,
17 bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, mountain goat and mountain
18 lion shall also apply to the hunting of the gray wolf as a
19 trophy game animal from and after the date gray wolves are
20 removed from the list of experimental nonessential
21 population, endangered species or threatened species in
22 Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108.

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24 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-104(f) is repealed.

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

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