

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0059

Wild bison licenses.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Haley, Allen, Blake,
Freeman and Paxton and Senator(s) Moniz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; amending provisions
2 relating to the reservation of unused licenses; providing
3 for the reservation of unused wild bison licenses;
4 authorizing wild bison licenses to be donated to a veteran
5 or person with disabilities; and providing for an effective
6 date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-703(f) and 23-1-705(k) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of big game animal,**
14 **trophy game animal, any wild bison or female or calf wild**

1 **bison licenses; reservation of certain licenses;**
2 **reservation of certain unused licenses.**

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4 (f) Notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-704, ~~and 23-2-101(j)~~
5 and 23-2-107(e), any person who is issued and purchases a
6 ~~limited quota, full price big or trophy game animal license~~
7 ~~for any species and sex of animal and is unable to use for~~
8 ~~good cause as provided by regulations that license for the~~
9 ~~year in which issued,~~ license listed in paragraph (i) of
10 this subsection may reserve a license for the particular
11 species and sex of ~~big or trophy game~~ animal designated on
12 the unused license for use during the immediately
13 succeeding calendar year by applying to the commission
14 ~~before the opening date of the season for the designated~~
15 ~~species and sex of animal during the year for which the~~
16 ~~initial license is issued. The initial big or trophy game~~
17 ~~animal license shall accompany the application~~ as provided
18 in this subsection. Upon receipt of an application that
19 establishes the conditions listed in paragraphs (i) through
20 (iv) of this subsection, the commission shall cancel the
21 initial license and prior to the season opening date for
22 the designated species and sex of animal during the
23 immediately succeeding calendar year, issue to the

1 applicant at an administrative cost not less than ten
2 dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed four percent (4%) of the
3 cost of the initial license, a license for the designated
4 ~~big or trophy game~~ animal valid for that year. A person may
5 apply for and reserve a license under this subsection only
6 if all the following conditions exist:

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8 (i) The license is one (1) of the following:

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10 (A) A limited quota, full price big game
11 animal license;

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13 (B) A trophy game animal license;

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15 (C) An any wild bison license;

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17 (D) A female or calf wild bison license.

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19 (ii) The person has not hunted with the license,
20 is unable to use the license in the year for which it was
21 issued and good cause, as defined in regulations, exists
22 for the person's inability to use the license in the year
23 for which it was issued;

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(iii) The person submits an application to the commission that demonstrates eligibility under this subsection before the opening date of the season for which the initial license was issued; and

(iv) The person submits the initial license with the application.

23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses; gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.

(k) The holder of any valid big game animal license, trophy game animal license, any wild bison license or a female or calf wild bison license may surrender said license to the department for reissuance to a veteran with disabilities or a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair as established by commission rule and regulation selected and sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization providing hunting opportunities for disabled veterans or persons with permanent disabilities who use wheelchairs. Any license reissued in accordance with the

1 provisions of this subsection shall be for the same
2 species, area and license type as the license donated. The
3 license shall be reissued by the department to a qualifying
4 person at no fee. Any license donated and reissued under
5 the provisions of this subsection shall not be sold,
6 traded, auctioned or offered for any monetary value and
7 shall not be issued to, or used by, any person other than a
8 qualifying person under the provision of this section and
9 in compliance with commission rule and regulation.
10 Licenses reissued to persons pursuant to this subsection
11 shall not be subject to residency, drawing or fee
12 requirements under W.S. 23-2-101 or 23-2-107. The five (5)
13 year restriction imposed on the receipt of a moose or big
14 horn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b), ~~or~~ the lifetime
15 restriction imposed on the receipt of a grizzly bear or
16 mountain goat license by W.S. 23-1-703(c) or the
17 restrictions imposed by the harvest of a wild bison under
18 W.S. 23-2-107(f) shall not be applicable in any manner to a
19 license issued pursuant to this subsection.

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

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