

SENATE FILE NO. SF0032

Game and fish license fees.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; amending hunting,
2 fishing, watercraft and other license and application fees
3 as specified; eliminating resident daily game bird/small
4 game licenses; providing for separate bull and cow/calf
5 wild bison licenses; providing for the adjustment of
6 license, application, entry, stamp and permit fees
7 annually; requiring reports; authorizing rulemaking; and
8 providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-505 is created to read:

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14 **23-1-505. Annual fee adjustments.**

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1 (a) As provided in W.S. 23-1-702, 23-2-101(e), (f),
2 (j) and (k), 23-2-107(c)(ii) and (e), 23-2-201(d),
3 23-2-301(c), 23-2-306(a) and (b), 23-2-307(b), 41-13-104(f)
4 and 41-13-109(a), the changes in the implicit price
5 deflator for state and local government purchases of goods
6 and services, as published by the United States department
7 of commerce, shall be used by the commission as the index
8 to determine an annual rate of increase or decrease in the
9 application fees, entry fees and fees for licenses, stamps,
10 permits and tags issued by the department.

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12 (b) The commission shall determine the change in the
13 implicit price deflator for state and local government
14 purchases of goods and services, as published by the United
15 States department of commerce, for the quarter ending March
16 31 of the current year compared to the quarter ending March
17 31 of the previous year. The relative amount of the change
18 may be multiplied by the current application fee or entry
19 fee and for each current license, stamp, permit and tag
20 issued by the department. The product may be rounded to
21 the nearest even dollar amount and the resulting amount may
22 be added to the fee for the current year. If adopted by
23 rule and regulation the resulting amount may be the fee for
24 the license year beginning in the next succeeding calendar

1 year for the application fee and license, stamp, permit and
2 tag issued by the department that is adjusted under this
3 section.

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5 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
6 commission may recalculate the current fees charged for
7 each application fee, entry fee and license, stamp, permit
8 and tag issued by the department to determine that all
9 appropriate indexing has been included in the current fees.

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11 (d) The calculations provided for in this section
12 shall be reported to the legislature and the governor in
13 the annual report provided in W.S. 23-1-503.

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15 (e) The commission shall, at least every six (6)
16 years, analyze all application fees and fees for licenses,
17 stamps, permits and tags issued by the department to ensure
18 the appropriate fee is charged. Where appropriate, the
19 commission shall recommend to the legislature that fees
20 established by statute be adjusted to ensure that those
21 fees are appropriate.

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23 (f) In accordance with W.S. 16-3-104(b)(i), rules
24 promulgated by the commission to adjust fees as provided in

1 this section shall not become effective until after the
2 legislature has convened and adjourned the regular general
3 or budget session next succeeding the adoption of the rules
4 by the commission.

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6 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-1-302(a) by creating a new
7 paragraph (xxxii), 23-1-702, 23-2-101(d), (e), (f),
8 (j)(intro), (i) through (iv), (vi) through (x), (xii)
9 through (xv), (xviii) and (xix), (xxii) through (xxxi),
10 (xxxiv), (xxxv), (xxxvii) through (xliii) and (k),
11 23-2-107(c)(ii) and (e), 23-2-201(d)(intro), (i), (vii) and
12 (viii), 23-2-301(c)(intro) and (i) through (xii),
13 23-2-306(a)(intro) and (b)(intro), 23-2-307(b),
14 41-13-104(f) and 41-13-109(a)(i) and (ii) are amended to
15 read:

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17 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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19 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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21 (xxxii) By rule and regulation, to adjust
22 application fees, entry fees and fees for licenses, stamps,
23 permits and tags issued by the department annually to an
24 amount computed in accordance with W.S. 23-1-505.

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2 **23-1-702. Duplicate license upon loss or destruction**
3 **of original; issuance; fees.**

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5 When any license issued under this act has been lost or
6 destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the
7 original license from any district office or any authorized
8 personnel of the department upon the presentation of
9 satisfactory proof that the original license was lost or
10 destroyed. Prior to issuing the duplicate license and in
11 accordance with rule and regulation of the commission, the
12 department may assess a fee of not more than ~~three dollars~~
13 ~~(\$3.00)~~ three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3.75) as
14 adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505, plus the fee charged
15 under W.S. 23-1-701. Duplicate licenses shall be issued in
16 accordance with procedure established by commission order.

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

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22 (d) The commission may issue big or trophy game
23 licenses in areas in which all licenses initially
24 authorized were not purchased or in which additional

1 harvest is desired, allowing a licensee to take a big or
2 trophy game animal of such sex or age as designated by the
3 commission. The fee for the license may be reduced by the
4 commission to the level necessary to achieve the desired
5 management objectives, but in no case shall a ~~resident or~~
6 ~~nonresident~~ license fee, excluding resident and nonresident
7 youth license fees, be less than the landowner's coupon
8 fee.

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10 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
11 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this
12 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase
13 of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game license
14 or wild bison license. The resident application fee shall
15 be ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ six dollars (\$6.00) and the
16 nonresident application fee shall be ~~fourteen dollars~~
17 ~~(\$14.00)~~ seventeen dollars (\$17.00) as adjusted pursuant to
18 W.S. 23-1-505. The application fee is in addition to the
19 fees prescribed by subsections (f) and (j) of this section
20 and by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable to the department
21 either directly or through an authorized selling agent of
22 the department. At the beginning of each month, the
23 commission shall set aside all of the fees collected during
24 calendar year 1980 and not to exceed twenty-five percent

1 (25%) of the fees collected thereafter pursuant to this
2 subsection to establish and maintain a working balance of
3 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to compensate
4 owners or lessees of property damaged by game animals and
5 game birds.

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7 (f) Forty percent (40%) of available nonresident elk
8 licenses, forty percent (40%) of available nonresident deer
9 licenses and forty percent (40%) of available nonresident
10 antelope licenses for any one (1) calendar year shall as
11 established by the commission, be offered to nonresident
12 applicants upon receipt of the fee prescribed by this
13 subsection. Seventy-five (75) of the nonresident deer
14 licenses set aside pursuant to this subsection shall be
15 used for a national bow hunt for deer. The licenses
16 authorized by this subsection shall be offered by drawing
17 to nonresident applicants prior to the drawing for the
18 remaining nonresident licenses issued. The licenses
19 offered under this subsection shall be issued in a manner
20 prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated by the
21 commission. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any
22 unsuccessful applicant for a nonresident license pursuant
23 to this subsection from submitting an application for any
24 licenses remaining after the drawing during the calendar

1 year in which the application under this subsection was
2 submitted. The following fees as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
3 23-1-505 shall be collected by the department and are in
4 addition to the nonresident license fee for the appropriate
5 big game species imposed under subsection (j) of this
6 section and the application fee imposed under subsection
7 (e) of this section:

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9 (i) Nonresident elk license ~~\$480.00~~
10 \$600.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
11 paragraph (j)(xix) of this section;

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13 (ii) Nonresident deer license ~~\$240.00~~
14 \$300.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
15 paragraph (j)(xv) of this section;

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17 (iii) Nonresident antelope license ~~\$240.00~~
18 \$300.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
19 paragraph (j)(xxxi) of this section.

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21 (j) Subject to W.S. 23-2-101(f), 23-1-705(e) and the
22 applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, the following hunting
23 licenses and tags may be purchased for the fee indicated as

1 adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 and subject to the
2 limitations provided:

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4 (i) Resident black bear license; one (1) black
5 bear..... ~~\$43.00~~ \$50.00

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7 (ii) Nonresident black bear license; one (1)
8 black bear..... ~~360.00~~ 375.00

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10 (iii) Resident mountain lion license; one (1)
11 mountain lion..... ~~28.00~~ 34.00

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13 (iv) Nonresident mountain lion license; one (1)
14 mountain lion..... ~~360.00~~ 375.00

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16 (vi) Nonresident daily game bird/small game
17 license; all game birds except wild turkey.... ~~18.00~~ 22.00

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19 (vii) Resident lifetime game bird and small game
20 license; all game birds except wild turkey.... ~~300.00~~ 375.00

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22 (viii) Resident lifetime game bird/small game
23 and fishing license; all game birds except wild turkey

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(ix) Resident game bird/small game license; all
game birds except wild turkey..... ~~22.00~~ 15.00

(x) Nonresident game bird/small game license;
all game birds except wild turkey..... ~~70.00~~ 85.00

(xii) Resident archery license..... ~~14.00~~ 17.00

(xiii) Nonresident archery license. ~~28.00~~ 34.00

(xiv) Resident deer license; one (1) deer
..... ~~36.00~~ 48.00

(xv) Nonresident deer license; one (1) deer,
fishing/small game privileges..... ~~310.00~~ 480.00

(xviii) Resident elk license; one (1) elk
..... ~~50.00~~ 65.00

(xix) Nonresident elk license; one (1) elk,
fishing/small game privileges..... ~~575.00~~ 650.00

1 (xxii) Resident bighorn sheep license; one (1)
 2 bighorn sheep..... ~~115.00~~ 250.00

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4 (xxiii) Nonresident bighorn sheep license; one
 5 (1) bighorn sheep. ~~2,250.00~~ 2,500.00

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7 (xxiv) Resident mountain goat license; one (1)
 8 mountain goat..... ~~120.00~~ 260.00

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10 (xxv) Nonresident mountain goat license; one (1)
 11 mountain goat..... ~~2,150.00~~ 2,600.00

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13 (xxvi) Resident moose license; one (1) moose
 14 ~~110.00~~ 175.00

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16 (xxvii) Nonresident moose license; one (1)
 17 moose..... ~~1,400.00~~ 1,750.00

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19 (xxviii) Resident grizzly bear license; one (1)
 20 grizzly bear..... ~~600.00~~ 750.00

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22 (xxix) Nonresident grizzly bear license; one (1)
 23 grizzly bear..... ~~6,000.00~~ 7,250.00

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1	(xxx) Resident antelope license; one (1)	
2	antelope.....	31.00 <u>45.00</u>
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4	(xxxii) Nonresident antelope license; one (1)	
5	antelope, <u>fishing/small game privileges</u>	270.00 <u>400.00</u>
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7	(xxxiv) Resident license to capture falcons for	
8	falconry purposes.....	36.00 <u>45.00</u>
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10	(xxxv) Nonresident license to capture falcons	
11	for falconry purposes.....	240.00 <u>300.00</u>
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13	(xxxvii) License to hunt with falcon; game	
14	birds, small game animals.....	14.00 <u>17.00</u>
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16	(xxxviii) Resident turkey license..	14.00 <u>17.00</u>
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18	(xxxix) Nonresident turkey license.	70.00 <u>85.00</u>
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20	(xl) Wyoming interstate game tag...	6.00 <u>7.00</u>
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22	(xli) Resident game bird license; all game birds	
23	except turkey.....	14.00 <u>10.00</u>
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1 (xlii) Resident small game license. ~~14.00~~ 10.00

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3 (xliii) From and after the date gray wolves are
4 removed from the list of experimental nonessential
5 population, endangered species or threatened species in
6 Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

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8 (A) Resident gray wolf license
9 ~~\$18.00~~ 22.00

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11 (B) Nonresident gray wolf license
12 ~~\$180.00~~ 220.00

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14 (k) Any resident qualified to purchase a moose or ram
15 big horn sheep hunting license under subsection (b) of this
16 section may pay a fee of ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ eight
17 dollars (\$8.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 in
18 lieu of applying for a moose or ram big horn sheep hunting
19 license. Payment of the fee for a particular species under
20 this subsection shall authorize the person to accumulate
21 points under W.S. 23-1-703(b) for that year in the same
22 manner as if he had unsuccessfully applied for a hunting
23 license for that species. Payment of the fee shall be made
24 in compliance with application dates.

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23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.

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(c) The commission shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations regulating wild bison licenses and the management of wild bison. The rules shall provide for:

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(ii) A nonrefundable entry fee for the drawing of a license, which shall be a minimum of ~~six dollars~~ ~~(\$6.00)~~ seven dollars (\$7.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505;

(e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of ~~four hundred dollars (\$400.00)~~ four hundred eighty dollars (\$480.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 for a bull license or two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 for a cow/calf license and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). A nonresident applicant shall pay a license fee of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)~~ three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 for a bull license or one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 for a cow/calf license and shall pay the fee required by W.S.

1 23-2-101(e). The fee charged under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be
2 in addition to the fee imposed under this subsection.

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4 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**
5 **residency required.**

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7 (d) The following fishing licenses may be purchased
8 for the fee indicated as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505
9 in addition to the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701 and
10 subject to the limitations provided:

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12 (i) Resident fishing license..... ~~\$22.00~~ \$30.00

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14 (vii) Resident daily fishing license ~~4.00~~ 7.00

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16 (viii) Resident lifetime fishing license
17 ~~300.00~~ 375.00

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19 **23-2-301. Miscellaneous fees; verification of**
20 **residency required.**

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22 (c) The following licenses and tags may be purchased
23 for the fee indicated as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505

1 in addition to the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701 and
2 subject to other requirements of this article:

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4 (i) Resident trapping license-furbearing
5 ~~\$42.00~~ \$50.00

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7 (ii) License to capture furbearing animals for
8 domestication..... ~~18.00~~ 22.00

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10 (iii) Resident fur dealer's license ~~50.00~~ 60.00

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12 (iv) Nonresident fur dealer's license
13 ~~275.00~~ 340.00

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15 (v) Taxidermist's license..... ~~65.00~~ 80.00

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17 (vi) Nonresident taxidermist's license
18 ~~700.00~~ 850.00

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20 (vii) Game bird farm license..... ~~130.00~~ 160.00

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22 (viii) Fishing preserve license.... ~~130.00~~ 160.00

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1 (ix) Commercial fish hatchery license
 2 ~~180.00~~ 220.00

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4 (x) License to seine or trap fish.. ~~18.00~~ 22.00

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6 (xi) License to deal in live bait.. ~~65.00~~ 80.00

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8 (xii) Nonresident trapping license-
 9 furbearing..... ~~240.00~~ 300.00

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11 **23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.**

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13 (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this
 14 section and the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, each
 15 sportsman licensed under W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or
 16 23-2-201 shall purchase a single conservation stamp for
 17 ~~twelve dollars (\$12.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as
 18 adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 which shall be valid for
 19 one (1) calendar year and the stamp or an authorization
 20 signifying purchase of the stamp shall be in the possession
 21 of any person exercising rights under any fishing or
 22 hunting license issued pursuant to W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107
 23 or 23-2-201. Holders of special limited fishing permits
 24 issued under W.S. 23-2-207 and holders of licenses only

1 under W.S. 23-2-101(j)(v) and (vi), 23-2-201(d)(vi) and
2 (vii), 23-2-201(f) and 23-2-201(g) are exempt from the
3 provisions of this section when exercising hunting or
4 fishing privileges provided under those specific licenses.
5 Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp under this
6 subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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8 (b) A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased
9 for ~~one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00)~~ two hundred twenty
10 dollars (\$220.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505
11 plus the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701. Revenues
12 collected from the sale of each stamp under this subsection
13 shall be deposited as follows:

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15 **23-2-307. Special management permit.**

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17 (b) Special management permits may be purchased from
18 the department or its authorized selling agents for ~~twelve~~
19 ~~dollars (\$12.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as adjusted
20 pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 plus the applicable fee under
21 W.S. 23-1-701 and shall be valid for one (1) calendar year.

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23 **41-13-104. Application for certificate; issuance of**
24 **certificate and assignment of number; conformity with**

1 federal numbering system; expiration and renewal of
2 certificate; transfer of ownership; duplicate certificate;
3 manufacturer and dealer certificates.

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5 (f) Each certificate of number issued under this act
6 expires on December 31 of the last year of valid
7 registration under the certificate unless sooner terminated
8 or discontinued under this act. A duplicate number may be
9 obtained by an owner upon application to the department,
10 which may require payment of a fee of not more than ~~five~~
11 ~~dollars (\$5.00)~~ six dollars (\$6.00) as adjusted pursuant to
12 W.S. 23-1-505. Certificates of number may be renewed by
13 the owner in the same manner provided under this act for
14 obtaining initial certification.

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16 **41-13-109. Motorboat registration fee.**

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18 (a) The nonrefundable and nontransferable
19 registration fee for motorboats is:

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21 (i) ~~Fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ Twenty dollars
22 (\$20.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 for one (1)
23 year; or

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1 (ii) ~~Forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ Fifty dollars
2 (\$50.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-505 for three
3 (3) years.

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5 **Section 3.** W.S. 23-2-101(j)(v) is repealed.

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

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