

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0288

ENROLLED ACT NO. 115, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
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AN ACT relating to game and fish; increasing certain fees relating to game and fish licenses, preference points, permits, applications, and stamps; increasing certain watercraft fees administered by the game and fish department; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-702, 23-2-101(e), (f) (i) through (iii), (j) (i) through (iv), (vi) through (x), (xiii) through (xv), (xviii), (xix), (xxii) through (xxvii), (xxx), (xxxi), (xxxiv), (xxxv), (xxxix), (xliii) (A), (B), (xlvi) and (m), 23-2-107(e), 23-2-201(d) (i), (ii) and (viii), 23-2-301(c) (i) through (xii), 23-2-306(b) (intro), 23-2-307(b), 41-13-104(f), (k) and (m) and 41-13-109(a) (i) and (ii) are amended to read:

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

When any license issued under this act has been lost or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the original license from any district office or any authorized personnel of the department upon the presentation of satisfactory proof that the original license was lost or destroyed. Prior to issuing the duplicate license and in accordance with rule and regulation of the commission, the department may assess a fee of not more than ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~ five dollars (\$5.00) plus the ~~fee~~ fees charged under W.S. 23-1-701. Duplicate licenses shall be issued in accordance with procedure established by commission order.

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

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(e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall pay an application fee in an amount specified by this subsection upon submission of an application for purchase of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game license or wild bison license. The resident application fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and the nonresident application fee shall be ~~fourteen dollars (\$14.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00). The application fee is in addition to the fees prescribed by subsections (f) and (j) of this section and by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable to the department either directly or through an authorized selling agent of the department. At the beginning of each month, the commission shall set aside all of the fees collected during calendar year 1980 and not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the fees collected thereafter pursuant to this subsection to establish and maintain a working balance of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to compensate owners or lessees of property damaged by game animals and game birds.

(f) Forty percent (40%) of available nonresident elk licenses, forty percent (40%) of available nonresident deer licenses and forty percent (40%) of available nonresident antelope licenses for any one (1) calendar year shall as established by the commission, be offered to nonresident applicants upon receipt of the fee prescribed by this subsection. Seventy-five (75) of the nonresident deer licenses set aside pursuant to this subsection shall be used for a national bow hunt for deer. The licenses authorized by this subsection shall be offered by drawing to nonresident applicants prior to the drawing for the remaining nonresident licenses issued. The licenses offered under this subsection shall be issued in a manner prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated by the

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commission. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any unsuccessful applicant for a nonresident license pursuant to this subsection from submitting an application for any licenses remaining after the drawing during the calendar year in which the application under this subsection was submitted. The following fees shall be collected by the department and are in addition to the nonresident license fee for the appropriate big game species imposed under subsection (j) of this section and the application fee imposed under subsection (e) of this section:

(i) Nonresident elk license ..... ~~\$480.00~~  
\$576.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under paragraph (j)(xix) of this section;

(ii) Nonresident deer license ..... ~~\$240.00~~  
\$288.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under paragraph (j)(xv) of this section;

(iii) Nonresident antelope license ..... ~~\$240.00~~  
\$288.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under paragraph (j)(xxxi) of this section.

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

(i) Resident black bear license; one (1) black bear..... ~~\$43.00~~ \$45.00

(ii) Nonresident black bear license; one (1) black bear..... ~~360.00~~ 371.00

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(iii) Resident mountain lion license; one (1) mountain lion.....	<del>28.00</del> <u>30.00</u>
(iv) Nonresident mountain lion license; one (1) mountain lion.....	<del>360.00</del> <u>371.00</u>
(vi) Nonresident daily game bird/small game license; all game birds except wild turkey..	<del>18.00</del> <u>20.00</u>
(vii) Resident lifetime game bird and small game license; all game birds except wild turkey..	<del>300.00</del> <u>309.00</u>
(viii) Resident lifetime game bird/small game and fishing license; all game birds except wild turkey .....	<del>480.00</del> <u>494.00</u>
(ix) Resident game bird/small game license; all game birds except wild turkey.....	<del>22.00</del> <u>25.00</u>
(x) Nonresident game bird/small game license; all game birds except wild turkey.....	<del>70.00</del> <u>72.00</u>
(xiii) Nonresident archery license	<del>28.00</del> <u>70.00</u>
(xiv) Resident deer license; one (1) deer .....	<del>36.00</del> <u>40.00</u>
(xv) Nonresident deer license; one (1) deer .....	<del>310.00</del> <u>372.00</u>
(xviii) Resident elk license; one (1) elk .....	<del>50.00</del> <u>55.00</u>
(xix) Nonresident elk license; one (1) elk, fishing privileges.....	<del>575.00</del> <u>690.00</u>

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(xxii) Resident bighorn sheep license; one (1)  
bighorn sheep..... ~~115.00~~ 150.00

(xxiii) Nonresident bighorn sheep license; one  
(1) bighorn sheep..... ~~2,250.00~~ 2,318.00

(xxiv) Resident mountain goat license; one (1)  
mountain goat..... ~~120.00~~ 150.00

(xxv) Nonresident mountain goat license; one (1)  
mountain goat..... ~~2,150.00~~ 2,160.00

(xxvi) Resident moose license; one (1) moose  
..... ~~110.00~~ 150.00

(xxvii) Nonresident moose license; one (1) moose  
..... ~~1,400.00~~ 1,980.00

(xxx) Resident antelope license; one (1)  
antelope..... ~~31.00~~ 35.00

(xxxi) Nonresident antelope license; one (1)  
antelope..... ~~270.00~~ 324.00

(xxxiv) Resident license to capture falcons for  
falconry purposes..... ~~36.00~~ 37.00

(xxxv) Nonresident license to capture falcons  
for falconry purposes..... ~~240.00~~ 247.00

(xxxix) Nonresident turkey license ~~70.00~~ 72.00

(xliii) From and after the date gray wolves are  
removed from the list of experimental nonessential

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population, endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

(A) Resident gray wolf license	<del>\$18.00</del> <u>19.00</u>
(B) Nonresident gray wolf license	<del>\$180.00</del> <u>185.00</u>
(xlvi) Resident lifetime archery license	<del>200.00</del> <u>206.00</u>

(m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as part of any preference point program for nonresident antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep, nonresident moose, nonresident deer or nonresident elk, the commission may establish a nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from the license fee remitted or submitted separately when application for a license or preference point is made through electronic licensing, and may also establish a fee to be paid in lieu of applying for licenses that are limited in quota. Retention of the established fee or payment of the fee in lieu of applying shall authorize the person to accumulate a preference point for future drawings for licenses that are limited in quota for the applicable species in accordance with rules of the commission. The rules may provide for the loss of all accumulated points for persons failing to apply or to pay the in lieu fee in two (2) consecutive calendar years. The fee for any program under this subsection for antelope, deer or elk shall be established by rule and shall not exceed ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per species. Payment of the fee shall be made in compliance with application dates. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the commission to establish or retain a fee for resident

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moose or resident ram bighorn sheep license preference points in addition to the fee established by subsection (k) of this section or to establish rules for ram bighorn sheep or moose preference point drawings in conflict with the provisions of W.S. 23-1-703(b). For nonresident ram bighorn sheep and nonresident moose licenses, the commission may establish by rule a nonrefundable preference point fee to be withheld from either the license fee remitted or submitted separately when application for a license or preference point is made through electronic licensing and may establish a fee in lieu of making application in an amount greater than that established under subsection (k) of this section, but neither fee shall exceed ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Fees established under this subsection may be set at lower amounts for youth license applicants.

**23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**

(e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of ~~four hundred dollars (\$400.00)~~ four hundred twelve dollars (\$412.00) for a license to harvest any wild bison or ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ two hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$258.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf wild bison 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)~~ four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00) for a license to harvest any wild bison or ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf wild bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). The fee charged under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in addition to the fee imposed under this subsection.

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

(d) The following fishing licenses may be purchased for the fee indicated in addition to the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to the limitations provided:

- (i) Resident fishing license ..... ~~\$22.00~~ 25.00
- (ii) Nonresident fishing license .. ~~90.00~~ 100.00
- (viii) Resident lifetime fishing license  
..... ~~300.00~~ 309.00

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

(c) The following licenses and tags may be purchased for the fee indicated in addition to the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to other requirements of this article:

- (i) Resident trapping license-furbearing  
..... ~~\$42.00~~ 43.00
- (ii) License to capture furbearing animals for  
domestication..... ~~18.00~~ 19.00
- (iii) Resident fur dealer's license  
..... ~~50.00~~ 52.00
- (iv) Nonresident fur dealer's license  
..... ~~275.00~~ 283.00

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(v) Taxidermist's license .....	<del>65.00</del> <u>67.00</u>
(vi) Nonresident taxidermist's license .....	<del>700.00</del> <u>721.00</u>
(vii) Game bird farm license .....	<del>130.00</del> <u>134.00</u>
(viii) Fishing preserve license ...	<del>130.00</del> <u>134.00</u>
(ix) Commercial fish hatchery license .....	<del>180.00</del> <u>185.00</u>
(x) License to seine or trap fish .	<del>18.00</del> <u>19.00</u>
(xi) License to deal in live bait .	<del>65.00</del> <u>67.00</u>
(xii) Nonresident trapping license- furbearing.....	<del>240.00</del> <u>247.00</u>

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

(b) A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased for ~~one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00)~~ one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185.00) plus the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701. Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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

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

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**41-13-104. Application for certificate; issuance of certificate and assignment of number; conformity with federal numbering system; expiration and renewal of certificate; transfer of ownership; duplicate certificate; manufacturer and dealer certificates.**

(f) Each certificate of number issued under this act expires on December 31 of the last year of valid registration under the certificate unless sooner terminated or discontinued under this act. A duplicate number may be obtained by an owner upon application to the department, which may require payment of a fee of not more than ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00). Certificates of number may be renewed by the owner in the same manner provided under this act for obtaining initial certification.

(k) If any certificate of number is lost, mutilated or becomes illegible, the owner of the motorboat for which the certificate was issued may obtain a duplicate certificate upon application to the department. The department may set and collect payment of a fee for a duplicate certificate not to exceed ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00).

(m) A person engaged in the manufacture or sale of motorboats may, upon application to the department in the manner and on forms prescribed by rule and regulation, obtain certificates of number for use in the testing or demonstrating of these motorboats. The fee for each registration under this subsection shall be ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ thirty dollars (\$30.00). The numbers assigned by certificates of number issued under this subsection shall be temporarily placed on the watercraft to be tested or demonstrated.

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

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

(i) ~~Fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ Thirty dollars (\$30.00) for one (1) year; or

(ii) ~~Forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ Eighty dollars (\$80.00) for three (3) years.

**Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-107(c)(ii) is repealed.

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**Section 3.** This act is effective January 1, 2018.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk