

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0205

Game and fish-animal damage management fees.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hunt, Allen, Laursen,
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Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing additional
2 application and license fees as specified; providing for
3 distribution of fees; and providing for 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. 23-2-101(e) and by creating a new
8 subsection (p) is amended to read:

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10 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
11 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
12 **required.**

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14 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
15 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this

1 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase
2 of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game license
3 or wild bison license. The resident application fee shall
4 be ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ five dollars and fifty cents
5 (\$5.50) and the nonresident application fee shall be
6 ~~fourteen dollars (\$14.00)~~ fourteen dollars and fifty cents
7 (\$14.50). The application fee is in addition to the fees
8 prescribed by subsections (f) and (j) of this section and
9 by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable to the department
10 either directly or through an authorized selling agent of
11 the department. Except as otherwise provided by this
12 subsection, at the beginning of each month, the commission
13 shall set aside all of the fees collected during calendar
14 year 1980 and not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of
15 the fees collected thereafter pursuant to this subsection
16 to establish and maintain a working balance of five hundred
17 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to compensate owners or
18 lessees of property damaged by game animals and game birds.
19 Fifty cents (\$.50) of every resident and nonresident
20 application fee collected by the department shall be
21 transferred to the animal damage management account in
22 accordance with subsection (p) of this section.

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1 (p) In addition to other fees under this section, the
2 department shall collect a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) from
3 persons purchasing any big game, trophy game, game bird and
4 small game licenses. Fees collected pursuant to this
5 subsection and subsection (e) of this section shall be
6 annually transferred by the department to the animal damage
7 management account created by W.S. 11-6-306 for
8 distribution by the animal damage management board. The
9 department shall retain the fees related to the
10 administrative costs of the transfer.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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