

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0288

Game and fish fees.

Sponsored by: House Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; increasing certain fees
2 relating to game and fish licenses, preference points,
3 permits, applications, and stamps; increasing certain
4 watercraft fees administered by the game and fish
5 department; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-302(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (xxxii), 23-1-702, 23-2-101(e), (f)(intro), (i)
11 through (iii), (j)(intro), (i) through (iv), (vi) through
12 (x), (xiii) through (xv), (xviii), (xix), (xxii) through
13 (xxvii), (xxx) through (xxxv), (xxxix), (xliii)(A), (B),
14 (xlvi) and (m), 23-2-107(e), 23-2-201(d)(intro), (i), (ii)
15 and (viii), 23-2-301(c)(intro), (i) through (xii),

1 23-2-306(b) (intro), 23-2-307(b), 41-13-104(f), (k) and (m)
2 and 41-13-109(a) (i) and (ii) are amended to read:

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4 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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6 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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8 (xxxii) Commencing January 1, 2018, to annually
9 adjust the fee for any game and fish license, permit, tag,
10 preference point, application or stamp provided for in this
11 act and W.S. 41-13-104(f), (k) and (m) and 41-13-109(a) (i)
12 and (ii) by the percentage change in the consumer price
13 index for urban consumers published by the United States
14 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the
15 preceding calendar year. All adjustments under this
16 paragraph shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. If
17 any adjustment would result in an increase of less than one
18 dollar (\$1.00) the increase shall be delayed by the
19 commission until cumulative increases total at least one
20 dollar (\$1.00). All adjustments shall be made by rule and
21 regulation pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
22 Act.

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

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4 When any license issued under this act has been lost or
5 destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the
6 original license from any district office or any authorized
7 personnel of the department upon the presentation of
8 satisfactory proof that the original license was lost or
9 destroyed. Prior to issuing the duplicate license and in
10 accordance with rule and regulation of the commission, the
11 department may assess a fee of not more than ~~three dollars~~
12 ~~(\$3.00)~~ five dollars (\$5.00) plus the ~~fee~~ fees charged
13 under W.S. 23-1-701 and as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
14 23-1-302(a) (xxxii). Duplicate licenses shall be issued in
15 accordance with procedure established by commission order.

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17 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
18 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
19 **required.**

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21 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
22 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this
23 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase

1 of any limited quota drawing for big or trophy game license
2 or wild bison license. The resident application fee shall
3 be five dollars (\$5.00) and the nonresident application fee
4 shall be ~~fourteen dollars (\$14.00)~~ fifteen dollars
5 (\$15.00). The application fee shall be adjusted as
6 provided in W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xxxii) and is in addition to
7 the fees prescribed by subsections (f) and (j) of this
8 section and by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable to the
9 department either directly or through an authorized selling
10 agent of the department. At the beginning of each month,
11 the commission shall set aside all of the fees collected
12 during calendar year 1980 and not to exceed twenty-five
13 percent (25%) of the fees collected thereafter pursuant to
14 this subsection to establish and maintain a working balance
15 of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to
16 compensate owners or lessees of property damaged by game
17 animals and game birds.

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19 (f) Forty percent (40%) of available nonresident elk
20 licenses, forty percent (40%) of available nonresident deer
21 licenses and forty percent (40%) of available nonresident
22 antelope licenses for any one (1) calendar year shall as
23 established by the commission, be offered to nonresident

1 applicants upon receipt of the fee prescribed by this
2 subsection. Seventy-five (75) of the nonresident deer
3 licenses set aside pursuant to this subsection shall be
4 used for a national bow hunt for deer. The licenses
5 authorized by this subsection shall be offered by drawing
6 to nonresident applicants prior to the drawing for the
7 remaining nonresident licenses issued. The licenses offered
8 under this subsection shall be issued in a manner
9 prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated by the
10 commission. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any
11 unsuccessful applicant for a nonresident license pursuant
12 to this subsection from submitting an application for any
13 licenses remaining after the drawing during the calendar
14 year in which the application under this subsection was
15 submitted. The following fees as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
16 23-1-302(a)(xxxii) shall be collected by the department and
17 are in addition to the nonresident license fee for the
18 appropriate big game species imposed under subsection (j)
19 of this section and the application fee imposed under
20 subsection (e) of this section:

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1 (i) Nonresident elk license ~~\$480.00~~
 2 \$576.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
 3 paragraph (j)(xix) of this section;

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5 (ii) Nonresident deer license ~~\$240.00~~
 6 \$288.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
 7 paragraph (j)(xv) of this section;

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9 (iii) Nonresident antelope license ~~\$240.00~~
 10 \$288.00 in addition to the license fee imposed under
 11 paragraph (j)(xxxi) of this section.

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13 (j) Subject to W.S. 23-2-101(f), 23-1-705(e), 23-1-302(a)(xxxii)
 14 23-1-302(a)(xxxii) and the applicable fee under W.S.
 15 23-1-701, the following hunting licenses and tags may be
 16 purchased for the fee indicated and subject to the
 17 limitations provided:

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19 (i) Resident black bear license; one (1) black
 20 bear..... ~~\$43.00~~ \$44.00

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

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(iii) Resident mountain lion license; one (1)
mountain lion..... ~~28.00~~ 29.00

(iv) Nonresident mountain lion license; one (1)
mountain lion..... ~~360.00~~ 371.00

(vi) Nonresident daily game bird/small game
license; all game birds except wild turkey.. ~~18.00~~ 19.00

(vii) Resident lifetime game bird and small game
license; all game birds except wild turkey.. ~~300.00~~ 309.00

(viii) Resident lifetime game bird/small game
and fishing license; all game birds except wild turkey
..... ~~480.00~~ 494.00

(ix) Resident game bird/small game license; all
game birds except wild turkey..... ~~22.00~~ 23.00

(x) Nonresident game bird/small game license;
all game birds except wild turkey..... ~~70.00~~ 72.00

1	(xiii) Nonresident archery license	28.00 <u>70.00</u>
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3	(xiv) Resident deer license; one (1) deer	
4	36.00 <u>37.00</u>
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6	(xv) Nonresident deer license; one (1) deer	
7	310.00 <u>372.00</u>
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9	(xviii) Resident elk license; one (1) elk	
10	50.00 <u>52.00</u>
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12	(xix) Nonresident elk license; one (1) elk,	
13	fishing privileges.....	575.00 <u>690.00</u>
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15	(xxii) Resident bighorn sheep license; one (1)	
16	bighorn sheep.....	115.00 <u>118.00</u>
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18	(xxiii) Nonresident bighorn sheep license; one	
19	(1) bighorn sheep.....	2,250.00 <u>2,318.00</u>
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21	(xxiv) Resident mountain goat license; one (1)	
22	mountain goat.....	120.00 <u>124.00</u>
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1 (xxv) Nonresident mountain goat license; one (1)
 2 mountain goat..... ~~2,150.00~~ 2,160.00

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 4 (xxvi) Resident moose license; one (1) moose
 5 ~~110.00~~ 113.00

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 7 (xxvii) Nonresident moose license; one (1) moose
 8 ~~1,400.00~~ 1,980.00

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 10 (xxx) Resident antelope license; one (1)
 11 antelope..... ~~31.00~~ 32.00

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

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

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

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

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

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 6 (A) Resident gray wolf license
 7 ~~\$18.00~~ 19.00

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 9 (B) Nonresident gray wolf license
 10 ~~\$180.00~~ 185.00

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 12 (xlvi) Resident lifetime archery license
 13 ~~200.00~~ 206.00

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 15 (m) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, as
 16 part of any preference point program for nonresident
 17 antelope, nonresident ram bighorn sheep, nonresident moose,
 18 nonresident deer or nonresident elk, the commission may
 19 establish a nonrefundable fee to be either withheld from
 20 the license fee remitted or submitted separately when
 21 application for a license or preference point is made
 22 through electronic licensing, and may also establish a fee
 23 to be paid in lieu of applying for licenses that are

1 limited in quota. Retention of the established fee or
2 payment of the fee in lieu of applying shall authorize the
3 person to accumulate a preference point for future drawings
4 for licenses that are limited in quota for the applicable
5 species in accordance with rules of the commission. The
6 rules may provide for the loss of all accumulated points
7 for persons failing to apply or to pay the in lieu fee in
8 two (2) consecutive calendar years. The fee for any
9 program under this subsection for antelope, deer or elk
10 shall be established by rule and shall not exceed ~~fifty~~
11 ~~dollars (\$50.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per species
12 as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xxxii). Payment
13 of the fee shall be made in compliance with application
14 dates. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the
15 commission to establish or retain a fee for resident moose
16 or resident ram bighorn sheep license preference points in
17 addition to the fee established by subsection (k) of this
18 section or to establish rules for ram bighorn sheep or
19 moose preference point drawings in conflict with the
20 provisions of W.S. 23-1-703(b). For nonresident ram bighorn
21 sheep and nonresident moose licenses, the commission may
22 establish by rule a nonrefundable preference point fee to
23 be withheld from either the license fee remitted or

1 submitted separately when application for a license or
2 preference point is made through electronic licensing and
3 may establish a fee in lieu of making application in an
4 amount greater than that established under subsection (k)
5 of this section, but neither fee shall exceed ~~one hundred~~
6 ~~dollars (\$100.00)~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
7 Fees established under this subsection may be set at lower
8 amounts for youth license applicants.

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10 **23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.**

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12 (e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of
13 ~~four hundred dollars (\$400.00)~~ four hundred twelve dollars
14 (\$412.00) for a license to harvest any wild bison or ~~two~~
15 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ two hundred fifty-eight
16 dollars (\$258.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf
17 wild bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S.
18 23-2-101(e). A nonresident applicant shall pay a license
19 fee of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)~~ four
20 thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00) for a license to
21 harvest any wild bison or ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~
22 two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) for a
23 license to harvest a female or calf wild bison and shall

1 pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). The fee charged
 2 under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in addition to the fee imposed
 3 under this subsection as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
 4 23-1-302(a) (xxxii).

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6 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**
 7 **residency required.**

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9 (d) The following fishing licenses may be purchased
 10 for the fee indicated as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
 11 23-1-302(a) (xxxii) in addition to the applicable fee under
 12 W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to the limitations provided:

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14 (i) Resident fishing license ~~\$22.00~~ 23.00

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16 (ii) Nonresident fishing license.. ~~90.00~~ 100.00

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18 (viii) Resident lifetime fishing license
 19 ~~300.00~~ 309.00

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21 **23-2-301. Miscellaneous fees; verification of**
 22 **residency required.**

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1 (c) The following licenses and tags may be purchased
 2 for the fee indicated as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
 3 23-1-302(a)(xxxii) and in addition to the applicable fee
 4 under W.S. 23-1-701 and subject to other requirements of
 5 this article:

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 7 (i) Resident trapping license-furbearing
 8 ~~\$42.00~~ 43.00

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 10 (ii) License to capture furbearing animals for
 11 domestication..... ~~18.00~~ 19.00

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 13 (iii) Resident fur dealer's license
 14 ~~50.00~~ 52.00

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 16 (iv) Nonresident fur dealer's license
 17 ~~275.00~~ 283.00

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 19 (v) Taxidermist's license ~~65.00~~ 67.00

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 21 (vi) Nonresident taxidermist's license
 22 ~~700.00~~ 721.00

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1 (vii) Game bird farm license ~~130.00~~ 134.00

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3 (viii) Fishing preserve license ... ~~130.00~~ 134.00

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5 (ix) Commercial fish hatchery license
6 ~~180.00~~ 185.00

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8 (x) License to seine or trap fish . ~~18.00~~ 19.00

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10 (xi) License to deal in live bait . ~~65.00~~ 67.00

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12 (xii) Nonresident trapping license-
13 furbearing..... ~~240.00~~ 247.00

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15 **23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.**

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17 (b) A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased
18 for ~~one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00)~~ one hundred
19 eighty-five dollars (\$185.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
20 23-1-302(a)(xxxii) plus the applicable fee under W.S.
21 23-1-701. Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp
22 under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

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1 **23-2-307. Special management permit.**

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3 (b) Special management permits may be purchased from
4 the department or its authorized selling agents for ~~twelve~~
5 ~~dollars (\$12.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as adjusted
6 pursuant to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xxxii) plus the applicable fee
7 under W.S. 23-1-701 and shall be valid for one (1) calendar
8 year.

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10 **41-13-104. Application for certificate; issuance of**
11 **certificate and assignment of number; conformity with**
12 **federal numbering system; expiration and renewal of**
13 **certificate; transfer of ownership; duplicate certificate;**
14 **manufacturer and dealer certificates.**

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16 (f) Each certificate of number issued under this act
17 expires on December 31 of the last year of valid
18 registration under the certificate unless sooner terminated
19 or discontinued under this act. A duplicate number may be
20 obtained by an owner upon application to the department,
21 which may require payment of a fee of not more than ~~five~~
22 ~~dollars (\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) as adjusted pursuant
23 to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xxxii). Certificates of number may be

1 renewed by the owner in the same manner provided under this
2 act for obtaining initial certification.

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4 (k) If any certificate of number is lost, mutilated
5 or becomes illegible, the owner of the motorboat for which
6 the certificate was issued may obtain a duplicate
7 certificate upon application to the department. The
8 department may set and collect payment of a fee for a
9 duplicate certificate not to exceed ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~
10 ten dollars (\$10.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S.
11 23-1-302(a) (xxxii).

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13 (m) A person engaged in the manufacture or sale of
14 motorboats may, upon application to the department in the
15 manner and on forms prescribed by rule and regulation,
16 obtain certificates of number for use in the testing or
17 demonstrating of these motorboats. The fee for each
18 registration under this subsection shall be ~~fifteen dollars~~
19 ~~(\$15.00)~~ thirty dollars (\$30.00) as adjusted pursuant to
20 W.S. 23-1-302(a) (xxxii). The numbers assigned by
21 certificates of number issued under this subsection shall
22 be temporarily placed on the watercraft to be tested or
23 demonstrated.

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2 **41-13-109. Motorboat registration fee.**

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

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7 (i) ~~Fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ Thirty dollars
8 (\$30.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xxxii)
9 for one (1) year; or

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11 (ii) ~~Forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ Eighty dollars
12 (\$80.00) as adjusted pursuant to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xxxii)
13 for three (3) years.

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

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

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