

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0069

ENROLLED ACT NO. 38, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to wildlife conservation; providing for voluntary donations to support wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-2-101 by creating a new subsection (p), 23-2-201 by creating a new subsection (h), 23-2-306(a)(intro) and by creating a new subsection (d), 24-1-131, 31-2-231(b) and 36-4-121 by creating a new subsection (t) are amended to read:

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

(p) In addition to other fees under this section, persons applying for a license or tag under this section may pay any whole dollar amount to support wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system. The department shall provide information on the application form that the applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection. Funds collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b). The department shall deduct and retain an amount equal to the administrative costs incurred in complying with this subsection.

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

(h) In addition to other fees under this section, persons applying for a license under this section may pay any

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whole dollar amount to support wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system. The department shall provide information on the application form specifying that the applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection. Funds collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.

(a) Subject to subsections (b), ~~and~~ (c) and (d) of this section and the applicable fee under W.S. 23-1-701, each sportsman licensed under W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201 shall purchase a single conservation stamp for twelve dollars (\$12.00) which shall be valid for the time period specified in commission rules not to exceed twelve (12) months. The stamp or an authorization signifying purchase of the stamp shall be in the possession of any person exercising rights under any fishing or hunting license issued pursuant to W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201. Holders of special limited fishing permits issued under W.S. 23-2-207 and holders of licenses only under W.S. 23-1-302(q), 23-2-101(j)(v) and (vi), 23-2-201(d)(vi), (vii) and (ix), 23-2-201(f) and 23-2-201(g) are exempt from the provisions of this section when exercising hunting or fishing privileges provided under those specific licenses. Revenues collected from the sale of each stamp under this subsection shall be deposited as follows:

(d) In addition to other fees under this section, persons applying for a conservation stamp or a lifetime conservation stamp under this section may pay any whole dollar amount to support wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system. The department shall provide information on the application form specifying that the

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applicant may pay the contribution under this subsection. Funds collected under this subsection shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b). The department shall deduct and retain an amount equal to the administrative costs incurred in complying with this subsection.

24-1-131. Travel centers.

(a) The transportation commission and the director of the department of transportation shall ensure that all buildings owned or controlled by the department of transportation and utilized as travel centers are directed and operated by one (1) or more agencies appointed by the transportation commission for the best interests of all Wyoming people. For purposes of this section an agency may be defined as a chamber of commerce, or any state or local governmental entity. If no agency is appointed, the commission shall direct and operate the travel centers.

(b) The department of transportation, in consultation with the commission, shall establish facilities at one (1) or more travel centers to accept donations in support of wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system. Funds collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the wildlife conservation account created under W.S. 31-2-231(b). In carrying out the requirements of this subsection, the department may enter into agreements with financial institutions or persons operating remote electronic terminals for the collection of donations.

31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates; wildlife conservation account.

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(b) The fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be payable to the department and shall be accounted for separately. Except as otherwise provided by law, the fees collected under subsection (a) of this section and funds collected under W.S. 23-2-101(p), 23-2-201(h), 23-2-306(d), 24-1-131(b) and 36-4-121(t) shall be distributed to the wildlife conservation account within the state highway fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the wildlife conservation account shall only be used to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system, including signage, wildlife corridors, wildlife crossings and game fences.

36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation areas and historic sites.

(t) The department shall include as part of the opportunity to purchase a permit that allows use of state parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and historic sites the option for a permittee to donate an additional amount in support of wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system. Funds collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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