

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0084

The Naomi hunting age exception act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Western

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; creating an exception to
2 the minimum age requirement to take any big or trophy game
3 animal; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective
4 dates.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-2-102(a) and by creating a new
9 subsection (d) is amended to read:

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11 **23-2-102. Age restrictions; game animals; game birds;**
12 **exception.**

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14 (a) The minimum age to take any big or trophy game
15 animal is twelve (12) years, except as provided in
16 subsection (d) of this section. Any person authorized by

1 this subsection under the age of fourteen (14) years shall
2 at all times when hunting be accompanied by a person over
3 the age of majority who possesses and can exhibit a
4 certificate of competency and safety as specified in W.S.
5 23-2-106 or who currently holds, or has been issued a
6 Wyoming big game hunting license within the last five (5)
7 years. If the person accompanying the hunter under the age
8 of fourteen (14) years is not the parent or guardian of the
9 hunter, the hunter shall have in his possession a
10 permission slip signed by his parent or guardian allowing
11 him to hunt under supervision. Each accompanying adult
12 shall supervise not more than one (1) hunter under the age
13 of fourteen (14) years. Any person under the age of
14 fourteen (14) years applying for a license to hunt big or
15 trophy game animals under this subsection shall have the
16 application for the license co-signed by his parent or
17 legal guardian.

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19 (d) The minimum age requirement to take any big or
20 trophy game animal imposed under subsection (a) of this
21 section may be waived by the department as provided for by
22 commission rule for persons under the minimum age
23 requirement who demonstrate they are suffering from a

1 progressive, degenerative or malignant condition currently
2 placing the person's life or ability to hunt a big or
3 trophy game animal in the immediate future in jeopardy.

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5 **Section 2.** The game and fish commission shall
6 promulgate rules necessary to implement this act on or
7 before July 1, 2021.

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9 **Section 3.**

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11 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
12 section, this act is effective July 1, 2021.

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14 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective
15 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
16 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
17 the Wyoming Constitution.

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19 (END)