

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0115

Big or trophy game animal-minimum hunting age.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Paxton and Sommers and
Senator(s) Driskill and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; lowering the minimum age
2 at which a person may take a big or trophy game animal as
3 specified; 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. 23-2-102(a) is amended to read:

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9 **23-2-102. Age restrictions; game animals; game birds.**

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11 (a) The minimum age to take any big or trophy game
12 animal is twelve (12) years, except that any person may
13 take a big or trophy game animal at eleven (11) years of
14 age if the person will attain twelve (12) years of age by
15 the end of that calendar year. 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 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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