

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0276

Shed antlers and horns conservation stamp.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wylie, Larson, JT, Niemiec
and Stith and Senator(s) Jones and Kolb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing that any shed
2 antlers and horns on public land are the property of the
3 state; requiring nonresidents to obtain a conservation
4 stamp to collect shed antlers and horns on public land;
5 providing exceptions specifying fees; requiring rulemaking;
6 and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-103 and 23-1-302(a)(xxxi) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **23-1-103. Ownership of wildlife; purpose of**
14 **provisions.**

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1 For the purpose of this act, all wildlife in Wyoming is the
2 property of the state, including shed antlers or horns
3 located on public lands. It is the purpose of this act and
4 the policy of the state to provide an adequate and flexible
5 system for control, propagation, management, protection and
6 regulation of all Wyoming wildlife. There shall be no
7 private ownership of live animals classified in this act as
8 big or trophy game animals or of any wolf or wolf hybrid.

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10 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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12 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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14 (xxxi) To regulate and control the collection of
15 shed antlers and horns of big game animals for the purpose
16 of minimizing the harassment or disturbance of big game
17 populations on public lands west of Interstate 90 from the
18 Wyoming-Montana state line to Buffalo and west of
19 Interstate 25 from Buffalo to the Wyoming-Colorado state
20 line any time during the year, subject to the provisions
21 for bighorn sheep horns in W.S. 23-3-117. Pursuant to this
22 paragraph during the period beginning 6:00 a.m. on May 1
23 and ending June 30, the commission shall require

1 nonresidents to obtain a conservation stamp for the
2 collection of big game animal shed antlers and horns on
3 public lands. A conservation stamp shall not be required
4 for residents of Wyoming, any person under fifteen (15)
5 years of age or for the collection of shed antlers and
6 horns by or on behalf of a nonprofit organization. The
7 commission shall adopt rules necessary to issue a
8 conservation stamp under this paragraph;

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10 **Section 2.** The game and fish commission shall
11 promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions
12 of this act.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
15 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
16 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
17 Constitution.

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(END)