HOUSE BILL NO. HB0281

Landowner hunting coupons-hunts that harvest no animal. Sponsored by: Representative(s) Winter and Williams

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring hunters to deliver landowner coupons to a landowner when using a 2 landowner's property for hunting antelope, deer or elk; 3 4 authorizing landowners to redeem landowner coupons whenever 5 the majority of a hunt for antelope, deer or elk occurred on the landowner's property; and providing for an effective 6 7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1**. W.S. 23-3-105(b) is amended to read:

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13 23-3-105. Antelope, deer and elk coupons; payment to

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14 landowner; kill on federal or state land.

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1 When hunting on a landowner's property, upon (b) 2 harvesting an antelope, deer or elk or at the conclusion of 3 a hunt without harvesting an antelope, deer or elk, the 4 landowner's coupon shall promptly be detached, dated, 5 signed and delivered to the landowner on whose property the 6 antelope, deer or elk was harvested or, if no antelope, deer or elk was harvested, on whose property a hunter 7 8 utilized a hunting license for the majority of a hunting season. The landowner, on or before March 1 following the 9 10 close of the hunting season for which the license was 11 issued, shall deliver to the department the coupon and an 12 affidavit that the antelope, deer or elk for which the coupon was delivered was killed on his land or that a 13 hunter utilized a hunting license on his land for the 14 15 majority of a hunting season if no antelope, deer or elk was taken. Upon receipt of the coupon and affidavit the 16 17 department shall pay the landowner sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for each coupon from an antelope, deer or elk license. 18 19 Landowner's coupons are not transferable. Any unauthorized 20 person attempting to collect any sum for any landowner's coupon is guilty of a high misdemeanor punishable as 21 provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii). Effective January 1, 22 2000, the department shall provide a checkoff box on each 23

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1 landowner coupon affidavit claim form that offers the

2 claimant the opportunity to designate the animal damage

3 management board to receive his payment amount for

4 landowner coupons claimed on that form. For each claim made

5 where the landowner has designated his payment to the

6 animal damage management board, the department shall

7 transfer that amount to the animal damage management

8 account created by W.S. 11-6-306 and the department shall

9 retain the fees related to those administrative costs of

10 the transfer.

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12 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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