

ENROLLED ACT NO. 57, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2026 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing persons with life threatening illnesses and persons who are vision-impaired to receive donated hunting licenses as specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-1-705(j) and (k) is amended to read:

23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; pioneer licenses; antelope hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses; gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.

(j) In addition the commission may issue upon payment of proper fees any number, set by rule and regulation, of antelope licenses, deer licenses, elk licenses and turkey licenses each year for the exclusive use by persons ~~twenty (20) years of age or younger~~ with life threatening illnesses who are sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization with a mission to provide opportunities and experiences to persons with life threatening or serious illnesses. As a condition of issuing the license, the sponsoring organization shall pay the appropriate license fee on behalf of the licensee and at no cost to the licensee.

(k) The holder of any valid big game animal license, trophy game animal license, any wild bison license or a female or calf wild bison license may surrender said license to the department for reissuance to a veteran with disabilities, ~~or~~ a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair, a person with a life-threatening illness or a person who is vision impaired as established by

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commission rule and regulation selected and sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization providing hunting opportunities. ~~to a veteran with disabilities or a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair.~~ Any license reissued in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall be for the same species, area and license type as the license donated. The license shall be reissued by the department to a qualifying person at no fee. Any license donated and reissued under the provisions of this subsection shall not be sold, traded, auctioned or offered for any monetary value and shall not be issued to, or used by, any person other than a qualifying person under the provision of this section and in compliance with commission rule and regulation. Licenses reissued to persons pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to residency, drawing or fee requirements under W.S. 23-2-101 or 23-2-107. The five (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt of a cow or calf moose or a ewe or lamb bighorn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b), the lifetime restriction imposed on the receipt of a grizzly bear, mountain goat, ram or any bighorn sheep, any wild bison or any moose or antlered moose license by W.S. 23-1-703(c) or the restrictions imposed on a wild bison under W.S. 23-2-107(f) shall not be applicable in any manner to a license issued pursuant to this subsection.

Section 2. The game and fish commission shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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Section 3.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk