

SENATE FILE NO. SF0066

Donated hunting licenses-amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) French, Ide and Laursen, D and
Representative(s) Banks, Hoeft and Webber

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing persons with
2 life threatening illnesses and persons who are vision-
3 impaired to receive donated hunting licenses as specified;
4 requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective 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. 23-1-705(j) and (k) is amended to
9 read:

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11 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; pioneer licenses;**
12 **antelope hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt**
13 **licenses; gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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1 (j) In addition the commission may issue upon payment
2 of proper fees any number, set by rule and regulation, of
3 antelope licenses, deer licenses, elk licenses and turkey
4 licenses each year for the exclusive use by persons ~~twenty~~
5 ~~(20)~~ not less than twelve (12) years of age ~~or younger~~ with
6 life threatening illnesses who are sponsored by a nonprofit
7 charitable organization with a mission to provide
8 opportunities and experiences to persons with life
9 threatening or serious illnesses. As a condition of
10 issuing the license, the sponsoring organization shall pay
11 the appropriate license fee on behalf of the licensee and
12 at no cost to the licensee.

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14 (k) The holder of any valid big game animal license,
15 trophy game animal license, any wild bison license or a
16 female or calf wild bison license may surrender said
17 license to the department for reissuance to a veteran with
18 disabilities, ~~or~~ a person with a permanent disability who
19 uses a wheelchair or a person who is vision impaired as
20 established by commission rule and regulation selected and
21 sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization providing
22 hunting opportunities to a veteran with disabilities, a
23 person who is vision impaired or a person with a permanent

1 disability who uses a wheelchair. Any license reissued in
2 accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall be
3 for the same species, area and license type as the license
4 donated. The license shall be reissued by the department
5 to a qualifying person at no fee. Any license donated and
6 reissued under the provisions of this subsection shall not
7 be sold, traded, auctioned or offered for any monetary
8 value and shall not be issued to, or used by, any person
9 other than a qualifying person under the provision of this
10 section and in compliance with commission rule and
11 regulation. Licenses reissued to persons pursuant to this
12 subsection shall not be subject to residency, drawing or
13 fee requirements under W.S. 23-2-101 or 23-2-107. The five
14 (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt of a cow or
15 calf moose or a ewe or lamb bighorn sheep license by W.S.
16 23-1-703(b), the lifetime restriction imposed on the
17 receipt of a grizzly bear, mountain goat, ram or any
18 bighorn sheep, any wild bison or any moose or antlered
19 moose license by W.S. 23-1-703(c) or the restrictions
20 imposed on a wild bison under W.S. 23-2-107(f) shall not be
21 applicable in any manner to a license issued pursuant to
22 this subsection.

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

4 **Section 3.**

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

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

14 (END)