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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Mule and whitetail deer separate hunting seasons.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Flitner

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring separate hunting
2 licenses and seasons for mule deer and whitetail deer; and
3 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. 23-1-101(a)(i) and by creating a new
8 paragraph (xiv) and 23-1-302(a) by creating a new paragraph
9 (xxxiii) are amended to read:

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11 **23-1-101. Definitions of wildlife.**

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13 (a) As used in this act:

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(i) "Big game animal" means antelope, bighorn sheep, mule deer, whitetail deer, elk, moose or mountain goat;

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(xiv) "Deer" means mule deer or whitetail deer, unless the context requires otherwise.

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STAFF COMMENT

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The term "deer" is used thirty-two (32) times in Wyoming statute, including in the definition of "big game animal." The Sponsor may wish to consider if the definition of "deer" as created by this draft adequately addresses all of those references and achieves the policy put forward in this bill draft.

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23-1-302. Powers and duties.

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(a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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(xxxiii) To promulgate rules governing the issuance of separate hunting licenses and establish separate hunting seasons for the taking of mule deer and whitetail deer as big game animals.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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