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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Landowner hunting licenses-requirements.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; creating requirements for
2 the issuance of landowner hunting licenses as specified;
3 requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 23-1-302(h) is amended to read:

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9 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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11 (h) For purposes of promoting the maintenance of
12 wildlife habitat and attaining wildlife management

1 objectives pursuant to W.S. 23-1-103 and in addition to
2 duties prescribed under paragraph (a)(xiv) of this section,
3 the commission shall promulgate rules and regulations
4 governing the issuance of elk, deer, antelope and turkey
5 hunting licenses to Wyoming landowners without subjection
6 to prescribed means of competitive public issuance. Fees
7 assessed for licenses authorized under this subsection
8 shall be equal to fees prescribed under W.S. 23-2-101(j)
9 for each species for which the license is issued. The
10 following conditions shall apply regarding the issuance of
11 hunting licenses to Wyoming landowners:

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13 (i) Landowners shall qualify for not more than
14 two (2) hunting licenses per eligible species during each
15 calendar year;

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17 (ii) To be eligible for any license under this
18 subsection, landowners shall operate a farming or ranching
19 operation within the state;

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21 (iii) Landowners shall be permitted to transfer
22 a hunting license issued under this subsection to any

1 person who qualifies for a hunting license under title 23,
2 chapter 2 of the Wyoming statutes.

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

7 Section 3.

9 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
10 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.

17 (END)