

STATE OF WYOMING GENERAL SESSION 2013

Chapter 204

WILD BISON LICENSES

Original House Bill No. 41

AN ACT relating to game and fish; adjusting fees for wild bison licenses; limiting the number of wild bison licenses available in a lifetime; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-2-107(a), (e) and by creating a new subsection (f) is amended to read:

23-2-107. Wild bison licenses.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, any person who will be fourteen (14) years of age or older prior to September 15 of the season for which the wild bison license is issued and who qualifies under W.S. 23-2-106 may apply to the department for a wild bison license.

(e) A resident applicant shall pay a license fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for a license to harvest any wild bison or two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf wild bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). A nonresident applicant shall pay a license fee of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for a license to harvest any wild bison or one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a license to harvest a female or calf wild bison and shall pay the fee required by W.S. 23-2-101(e). The fee charged under W.S. 23-1-701 shall be in addition to the fee imposed under this subsection.

(f) Any person who is issued:

(i) An any wild bison license and harvests:

(A) A bull of the species shall be ineligible to apply for or receive an any wild bison license in any future year, but shall be eligible to apply for

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and receive a female or calf wild bison license in the immediately following season;

(B) A female or calf of the species shall be ineligible to apply for or receive a female or calf wild bison license in the immediately following five (5) years, but shall be eligible to apply for and receive an any wild bison license in the immediately following season.

(ii) A female or calf wild bison license and harvests a female or calf of the species shall be ineligible to apply for or receive an any wild bison license or a female or calf wild bison license in the immediately following five (5) years.

Section 2. There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the attorney general's office. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of protecting or defending the rights of Wyoming citizens under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution to possess and use any firearm legal pursuant to Wyoming law and useful in hunting bison, including defending against any executive orders which would limit the ability of Wyoming citizens to hunt or manage bison. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose except that these funds may be subject to the B-11 process for use only for purposes related to Second Amendment protections as provided in this section. Any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2014.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2013.

Approved March 14, 2013.