

CHAPTER 24

COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING LICENSES

Original House Bill No. 50

AN ACT relating to game and fish; removing time restriction on complimentary licenses; reducing number of complimentary licenses issued by commissioners; requiring that all complimentary licenses issued by commissioners be designated to nonprofit charitable organizations or raffled to the public as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-1-703(b) and 23-1-705(a) and (g) are amended to read:

23-1-703. Limitation of number of big or trophy game animal licenses; reservation of certain licenses; reservation of certain unused licenses.

(b) Except as specifically provided under this subsection, ~~or subsection (f) of this section or W.S. 23-1-705(a)~~, no person may apply for and receive more than one (1) moose or one (1) bighorn sheep license in any consecutive five (5) year period. Effective for the 1995 hunting season and each hunting season thereafter, licenses issued under this subsection shall be based upon the number of points assigned to each applicant for a particular species. The department shall assign points to each license applicant for a specific species by multiplying the number of years the applicant has unsuccessfully applied for a license times one (1). License applicants within each hunt area for a species shall be grouped according to the number of assigned points for that species. Available licenses within any hunt area shall be randomly selected from among the group of applicants with the largest number of assigned points and shall continue until all applicants within that group have been exhausted or until all available licenses have been issued, whichever first occurs. If any applicant grouping has been exhausted and licenses remain available within that hunt area, selection shall continue from among the group of applicants with the next largest number of assigned points. For purposes of assigning points under this subsection, any unsuccessful license applicant failing to apply for a license during the second calendar year shall be considered to be a first year applicant for any subsequent calendar year in which the applicant submits license application for that particular species.

23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; one-shot antelope hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt licenses; gratuitous licenses.

(a) At the request of the governor, the commission shall annually issue up to twenty (20) complimentary hunting and twenty (20) complimentary fishing licenses. Not more than five (5) big horn sheep and five (5) moose licenses shall be issued under this subsection. The five (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt of a moose or big horn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b) shall not be applicable in any manner to a license issued pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided under subsection (g) of this section, no complimentary licenses may be issued at the request of the appointed commissioners. Immediately upon issuance of any of these licenses, the commission shall submit to the secretary of state for maintenance as a public record, the name and address of each licensee and the type of license issued.

(g) In addition to complimentary licenses under subsection (a) of this section, each appointed commissioners-commissioner may cause to be issued at cost not more than a total of eight (8) elk, deer or antelope designated licenses per year. Of the All licenses issued under this subsection, seventy five percent (75%) shall be designated to nonprofit charitable organizations. As a condition of accepting the license, the organization shall agree to auction or otherwise bid the license to the highest bidder or to raffle the license to members of the public.

Section 2. W.S. 23-1-703(d) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is 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.

Approved February 17, 1997.