

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 696

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE
2 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 36-419, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS
3 REGARDING NONRESIDENT TAGS AND PERMITS FOR DEER, ELK, AND PRONGHORN AN-
4 TELOPE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A
5 NEW SECTION 36-419A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE NONRESIDENT DRAW IM-
6 PLEMENTATION COMMITTEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Chapter 4, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
11 ignated as Section 36-419, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 36-419. NONRESIDENT TAGS AND PERMITS -- DEER, ELK, AND PRONGHORN ANTE-
13 LOPE. On and after November 15, 2026, any deer, elk, or pronghorn antelope
14 tag or permit will not be available for sale on a first-come, first-served
15 basis to a nonresident who is subject to a general hunt tag quota set pursuant
16 to section 36-408, Idaho Code, unless that tag is unclaimed, returned, or
17 otherwise unsold after being made available through at least one (1) drawing
18 or otherwise set aside as a tag for outfitted hunter use pursuant to section
19 36-408, Idaho Code. The fish and game commission is authorized to promulgate
20 rules to implement this section, subject to approval by the legislature.

21 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
22 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
23 ignated as Section 36-419A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

24 36-419A. NONRESIDENT DRAW IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE. (1) There is
25 hereby created the nonresident draw implementation committee, which shall
26 meet as often as is necessary to develop a plan for implementing the provi-
27 sions of section 36-419, Idaho Code, including any recommended law and rule
28 changes, and shall deliver such plan to the Idaho legislature by January
29 13, 2025. The members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of their
30 appointing authorities. The committee shall include:

31 (a) One (1) state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
32 of representatives;

33 (b) One (1) state senator appointed by the president pro tempore of the
34 senate;

35 (c) One (1) Idaho fish and game commissioner, appointed by the Idaho
36 fish and game commission;

37 (d) One (1) Idaho resident who holds a valid Idaho hunting license,
38 jointly appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, the
39 president pro tempore of the senate, and the director of the Idaho de-
40 partment of fish and game;

1 (e) One (1) Idaho resident holding a valid license from the Idaho out-
2 fitters and guides licensing board and who is a member of a bona fide
3 Idaho outfitters and guides group, appointed jointly by the speaker of
4 the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the sen-
5 ate; and

6 (f) One (1) Idaho resident holding a valid Idaho hunting license and who
7 is a member of a bona fide Idaho sportsmen's group, appointed jointly by
8 the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore
9 of the senate, and the director of the Idaho department of fish and game.

10 (2) The individuals appointed pursuant to subsection (1) (a) and (b) of
11 this section shall serve as the cochairs of the committee.

12 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
14 passage and approval.