

Wyoming Liberty Index

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HB0129, Game and fish-lifetime license elimination.

Sponsors: Representative(s) Burkhart

Comments

A bill to eliminate the future issue of lifetime hunting licenses. Someone should remind Game and Fish that there is more to Fish and Game than just squeezing money from the hunters, fishers and taxpayers of this state. Go look up the term, "loss leader".

U: The fiscal or personnel impact is not determinable. Eliminates lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, and lifetime conservation stamps. This eliminates a privilege that has existed for about a generation and that is a negative. It corrects what may have been a fiscally foolish decision and that is a positive. It does not address the possibility that the real issue is that the Game and Fish Department may not be being run as efficiently as possible and that is a negative. So far, a sufficiently mixed bag to call it Liberty neutral. Most critically, it does provide for grandfathering of ownership of those licenses and stamps that have already been issued which prevents it from becoming an act of tyranny by violating what are lifetime contracts entered into between the State (however unwisely) and law-abiding citizens. What this bill does may be necessary, but it is distasteful. However, it does preserve the sanctity of contracts while going about doing what may be necessary so we'll call it Liberty neutral overall.

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

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