

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 696, As Amended

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; PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMER-
7 GENCY.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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

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

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

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

- 32 (a) One (1) state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
33 of representatives;
34 (b) One (1) state senator appointed by the president pro tempore of the
35 senate;
36 (c) One (1) Idaho fish and game commissioner, appointed by the Idaho
37 fish and game commission;
38 (d) One (1) Idaho resident who holds a valid Idaho hunting license,
39 jointly appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, the

1 president pro tempore of the senate, and the director of the Idaho de-
2 partment of fish and game;

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

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

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

14 SECTION 3. The provisions of Section 2 of this act shall be null, void,
15 and of no force and effect on and after November 20, 2026.

16 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
18 passage and approval.