

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0057

Rabies regulation-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) McMurtrey and Senator(s)
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to rabies management; authorizing the
2 animal damage management board to manage rabid wildlife;
3 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-304(a), (b)(ii), (iv) through
9 (vi) and (d) and 11-6-306(c) are amended to read:

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11 **11-6-304. ADMB responsibilities; animal damage**
12 **management policy; rules; methods to manage predatory**
13 **animals, predacious birds, depredating animals and rabid**
14 **wildlife; manner of calling meetings; frequency.**

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1 (a) The ADMB is responsible for the formulation of
2 the damage prevention management policy of the state, and
3 by and through an executed memorandum of understanding
4 (MOU) with the Wyoming game and fish commission is
5 responsible for management of rabid wildlife, crop,
6 livestock and wildlife damage done by depredating animals
7 and wildlife damage by predatory animals and predacious
8 birds. The ADMB in conjunction with its responsibility may,
9 consistent with the Wyoming Administrative ~~Procedures~~
10 Procedure Act adopt rules to implement policies
11 administered by the ADMB. After consultation with the
12 livestock board, the ADMB shall promulgate rules pertaining
13 to rabies prevention in wildlife including surveillance,
14 public education, vaccination protocol, post-exposure
15 procedures and quarantines. The ADMB may enter into the
16 agreements with law enforcing agencies to carry out the
17 quarantine provisions. Nothing in this article shall
18 preempt the Wyoming game and fish commission authority to
19 manage wildlife or determine damage pursuant to any
20 provision in title 23.

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22 (b) In its deliberations the ADMB shall:

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1 (ii) Specify programs designed to prevent damage
2 by predatory animals, rabid wildlife, predacious birds and
3 depredating animals to livestock, agricultural crops,
4 wildlife, property, human health and safety;

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6 (iv) Specify methods for the prevention and
7 management of damage and for the selective control of
8 predatory animals, rabid wildlife, predacious birds and
9 depredating animals;

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11 (v) Maintain responsibility and appropriate
12 funds for the purpose of providing damage prevention and
13 management to agricultural livestock and crops, wildlife,
14 property, and human health and safety caused by predatory
15 animals, rabid wildlife, predacious birds and depredating
16 animals;

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18 (vi) Cooperate with federal, state and county
19 governments, educational institutions and private persons
20 or organizations to effectuate agricultural and wildlife
21 damage and rabid wildlife prevention policies;

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23 (d) The ADMB may adopt rules and regulations
24 necessary for carrying out the purpose and provisions of

1 this article. The ADMB may appoint employees and assistants
2 as necessary and fix their compensation. The ADMB may enter
3 into cooperative agreements with boards of county
4 commissioners, predatory animal control districts, federal
5 or state agencies or other commissions, organizations or
6 associations for the purpose of managing predatory animals,
7 rabid wildlife, predacious birds and depredating animals.
8 Predatory animal control district boards which choose not
9 to enter into a cooperative agreement with the ADMB shall
10 not be precluded from continuing with, or entering into, a
11 cooperative agreement or memorandum of understanding with
12 the United States department of agriculture, animal and
13 plant health inspection service, wildlife services
14 (USDA/APHIS/WS), other entities of government,
15 organizations or associations. This act is not intended and
16 shall not replace, rescind, modify nor cancel cooperative
17 agreements or cooperative service agreements between the
18 USDA/APHIS/WS and the county predatory animal districts
19 created under W.S. 11-6-201 through 11-6-210.

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21 **11-6-306. Animal damage management account.**

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23 (c) Any supplemental contributions received by the
24 department from livestock owners for predatory animal,

1 predacious bird or depredating animal damage management
2 programs or the prevention and management of rabid wildlife
3 shall be deposited into the animal damage management
4 account.

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6 **Section 2.** There is appropriated to the animal damage
7 management board created by W.S. 11-6-303, two hundred
8 thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000.00) from the general fund
9 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2002, to be distributed
10 to county predatory advisory boards to develop and
11 implement a rabies management program in each county of the
12 state.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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