

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0069

Crop and livestock damage.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Anderson, R.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture; providing for liability for
2 damaging agriculture ventures; providing damage
3 calculations; providing definitions; and providing for an
4 effective 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. 11-30-116 is created to read:

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10 **11-30-116. Damage to farm products and livestock.**

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12 (a) In addition to any other remedy allowable by law,
13 any person who, by willful or wanton misconduct, damages or
14 destroys any farm product or livestock used for testing or
15 research in conjunction with a product development program
16 for a private research facility, a university, a community
17 college or any federal, state or local governmental agency

1 shall be liable for damages as assessed by the court. The
2 court shall determine the damage associated with the loss
3 of the tests or research and award double the damages as
4 well as double the cost directly related to raising the
5 farm product or livestock. The court may assess costs of
6 litigation and reasonable attorney fees.

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8 (b) As used in this section:

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10 (i) "Farm products" means all crops, crop
11 products, plants or portions thereof;

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13 (ii) "Livestock" means horses, mules, cattle,
14 swine, sheep, goats, poultry, guard animals or any other
15 animal maintained under domestication. Bison are considered
16 livestock unless otherwise designated by the Wyoming
17 livestock board and the Wyoming game and fish commission.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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