

SENATE FILE NO. SF0006

Predator control fees.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, Public Lands and Water  
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture and animals; providing for a  
2 special meeting of a predatory animal control district;  
3 allowing for an increase in the predator control fee on  
4 cattle as specified; and providing for an 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. 11-6-210(a) and by creating a new  
9 subsection (m) is amended to read:

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11 **11-6-210. Creation of predatory animal district fund;**  
12 **predatory animal control fees; donations; appropriation by**  
13 **county commissioners.**

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15 (a) At the time of collecting brand inspection fees  
16 imposed under W.S. 11-20-401 and 11-20-402, the brand

1 inspector shall collect predatory animal control fees on  
2 all sheep and cattle inspected within each predatory animal  
3 district. However, predator control fees shall not be  
4 collected on cattle and sheep shipped into this state for  
5 immediate sale or slaughter. The amount of the fee for each  
6 predatory animal district shall be established by each  
7 predatory animal district board in consultation with the  
8 state predatory animal advisory board and shall not exceed  
9 eighty cents (\$.80) per head on sheep and ~~twenty cents~~  
10 ~~(\$0.20)~~ fifty cents (\$.50) per head on cattle. Each  
11 predatory animal district board shall annually determine  
12 the predatory animal control fee to be charged and  
13 collected in the district based upon a recommendation of  
14 the majority of the producers present at the district's  
15 annual meeting as provided for in W.S. 11-6-203 and shall  
16 inform the livestock board of the fee prior to January 1  
17 each year. The fee shall not be collected on the same  
18 livestock more than once in any twelve (12) month period.  
19 The livestock board may retain not to exceed three percent  
20 (3%) of the revenues collected for the cost of  
21 administering the program. Remaining revenues collected by  
22 the livestock board under this section shall be remitted to  
23 the state treasurer for deposit in an account within the  
24 earmarked revenue fund. The state treasurer, on a

1 quarterly basis, shall distribute the revenues to the  
2 county treasurer of the county from which the shipment  
3 originated unless, at the time of payment of the fees, the  
4 livestock owner designates the fees to be distributed in  
5 total to another county in this state in which the  
6 livestock are fed or pastured. The county treasurer shall  
7 deposit revenues distributed under this subsection into a  
8 special continuing fund, to be known as the "Predatory  
9 Animal District Fund of .... County" and to be administered  
10 by the predatory animal board of that district.

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12 (m) After July 1, 2002 and before December 1, 2002, a  
13 predatory animal district board may hold a special meeting  
14 during which an adjustment of the predatory animal control  
15 fee set under subsection (a) of this section may be made  
16 for the balance of calendar year 2002. The special meeting  
17 shall be held pursuant to the procedures found in W.S.  
18 11-6-203(a)(ii) and (iii) except that the notice shall  
19 state the time and place and that a fee increase shall be  
20 considered. The board shall immediately notify in writing  
21 the livestock board of any fee adjustment made under this  
22 subsection. The fee adjustment shall take effect thirty  
23 (30) days after the date of mailing of the notice to the

1 livestock board and shall remain in effect through December  
2 31, 2002.

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

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