

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Animal damage management program-amendments.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the animal damage management program;
 2 eliminating the repeal date for the animal damage
 3 management program; providing for continuation of the
 4 wildlife damage management stamp; providing for
 5 continuation of the landowner coupon checkoff box; defining
 6 duties; requiring a report; conforming provisions;
 7 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
 8 date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-305(a) and 23-3-105(b) are
 13 amended to read:

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1 **11-6-305. Wyoming animal damage management board**
2 **funding; sources; methods of collection.**

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4 (a) Effective January 1, 2000, ~~through December 31,~~
5 ~~2004,~~ there is created a "wildlife damage management"
6 stamp. The stamp, issued at licensed selling agents as
7 designated by the Wyoming game and fish commission may be
8 purchased voluntarily. Proceeds from the sale of the
9 stamp, excluding twenty-five cents (\$.25) which the agent
10 shall retain for each stamp sold, shall be deposited by the
11 state treasurer into the animal damage management account
12 created by W.S. 11-6-306. The Wyoming game and fish
13 commission shall retain such fees related to those
14 administrative costs which are required to design and print
15 stamps, and collect, account for and disburse these funds
16 to the ADMB. The Wyoming game and fish commission shall
17 annually provide to the ADMB a complete and detailed
18 accounting of any and all such administrative costs and
19 fees.

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21 **23-3-105. Antelope, deer and elk coupons; payment to**
22 **landowner; kill on federal or state land.**

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1 (b) The landowner's coupon shall promptly be
2 detached, dated, signed and delivered to the landowner. The
3 landowner on or before February 1 following the year for
4 which the license was valid, shall deliver to the
5 department the coupon and an affidavit that the antelope,
6 deer or elk for which the coupon was delivered was killed
7 on his land. Upon receipt of the coupon and affidavit the
8 department shall pay the landowner eleven dollars (\$11.00)
9 for each coupon from an antelope, deer or elk license.
10 Landowner's coupons are not transferable. Any unauthorized
11 person attempting to collect any sum for any landowner's
12 coupon is guilty of a second degree misdemeanor. Effective
13 January 1, 2000, ~~through December 31, 2004,~~ the department
14 shall provide a checkoff box on each landowner coupon
15 affidavit claim form that offers the claimant the
16 opportunity to designate the animal damage management board
17 to receive his payment amount for landowner coupons claimed
18 on that form. For each claim made where the landowner has
19 designated their payment to the animal damage management
20 board, the department shall transfer that amount to the
21 animal damage management account created by W.S. 11-6-306
22 and the department shall retain such fees related to those
23 administrative costs of the transfer.

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1 **Section 2.** The animal damage management board shall
2 investigate, test and refine the concept of integrated
3 predator management. The Wyoming animal damage management
4 board shall develop and establish measurable goals and
5 objectives. The board shall report to the governor and the
6 joint agriculture, public lands and water interim
7 committee, joint appropriations interim committee and the
8 joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources
9 interim committee on or before December 31 of each year to
10 determine the progress the board has made toward achieving
11 the goals and objectives it has established.

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13 **Section 3.** There is appropriated from the general
14 fund one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)
15 to the animal damage management account created by W.S.
16 11-6-306.

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18 **Section 4.** W.S. 11-6-313 and 1999 Wyoming Session
19 Laws, Chapter 197, Section 5 are repealed.

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21 **Section 5.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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