

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0118

Game damages.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Simons

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; imposing liability on
2 landowner who does not allow hunting for damages to
3 adjacent lands; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-901 by creating a new subsection
8 (g) is amended to read:

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10 **23-1-901. Owner of damaged property to report damage;**
11 **claims for damages; time for filing; determination; appeal;**
12 **arbitration.**

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14 (g) Any landowner who has not permitted hunting of
15 big game animals on his property during authorized hunting
16 seasons shall be liable for the payment of damages to
17 adjacent landowners for loss of forage, crops or hay by big

1 game animals which have been under harvested on the closed
2 property. For purposes of this subsection, "permitted
3 hunting" means the landowner allowed or provided for
4 hunting on his land and access to adjoining land to allow
5 for a harvest sufficient to meet the department objectives
6 for the area and herd. If any adjacent landowner is unable
7 to recover the complete cost of damages, he may be eligible
8 for compensation from the state in accordance with the
9 provisions of this section.

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

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