

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0259

Trapping of animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Diercks and Senator(s) Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing property  
2 owners and other specified persons to inspect traps and  
3 release animals; prohibiting acts interfering with lawful  
4 trapping; 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. 23-2-303(e) and by creating a new  
9 subsection (f) is amended to read:

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11 **23-2-303. Trapping licenses; tagging; traps and**  
12 **snares; penalty; confiscation; inspection; interference**  
13 **with trapping.**

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15 (e) Any trap or snare found in the field not bearing  
16 the name and address of the owner of the trap or snare or

1 the identification number assigned by the department to the  
2 owner of the trap or snare may be confiscated by any  
3 employee of the department. Any landowner or his agent may  
4 inspect any trap or snare set on his property and may  
5 remove the trap or snare and release or remove from the  
6 trap or snare any wildlife which has not been taken  
7 lawfully. Any department employee, state peace officer or  
8 federal law enforcement officer may inspect any trap or  
9 snare set on public or private property and release or  
10 remove from any trap or snare any wildlife which has not  
11 been taken lawfully.

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13 (f) A violation of this subsection constitutes a 7th  
14 degree misdemeanor as specified under W.S.  
15 23-6-202(a)(vii). Except as otherwise provided in this  
16 section, no person shall intentionally:

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18 (i) Tamper with or remove a trap or snare set  
19 and maintained in compliance with this act; or

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21 (ii) Release or remove a furbearer or predator  
22 from a trap or snare set and maintained in compliance with  
23 this act.

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1       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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