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ENROLLED ACT NO. 42, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing property owners and their agents to inspect traps and release animals; prohibiting acts interfering with lawful trapping; providing a penalty; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.   W.S. 23-2-303(e) and by creating a new subsection (f) is amended to read:

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

(e) Any trap or snare found in the field not bearing the name and address of the owner of the trap or snare or the identification number assigned by the department to the owner of the trap or snare may be confiscated by any employee of the department. Any landowner or his agent may inspect any trap or snare set on his property and may remove the trap or snare and release or remove from the trap or snare any wildlife which has not been taken lawfully.   The landowner or his agent shall immediately notify the department of any such wildlife, excluding predatory animals, prior to removing the wildlife from a trap or snare.

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

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

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

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2004.

(END)

Speaker of the House	President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____
DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk