

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0041

Reportable animal disease list.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to contagious and infectious diseases among
2 livestock; amending the requirements for reporting
3 contagious and infectious diseases; providing for the
4 establishment of a list of reportable animal diseases;
5 providing for confidentiality of information; and providing
6 for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-19-102 is amended to read:

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12 **11-19-102. Duty of public to report diseases to state**
13 **veterinarian; list of reportable diseases; failure to**
14 **comply or obstruction of duty; penalties.**

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1 (a) Any person or government entity who knows or
2 suspects that there is ~~upon his premises~~ any contagious or
3 infectious reportable disease among ~~domestic~~ animals owned
4 by or under their jurisdiction or any veterinarian who
5 knows or suspects any reportable contagious or infectious
6 disease on any premises or in any animal, shall immediately
7 report the same to the state veterinarian. The state
8 veterinarian shall establish and manage a list of
9 reportable diseases for any contagious or infectious
10 disease deemed by the state veterinarian to be a threat to
11 domestic animals. During development of this list the state
12 veterinarian shall consult with the Wyoming game and fish
13 department's supervisor of veterinary research services.
14 Information collected in response to the list of reportable
15 diseases shall be considered confidential proprietary
16 information. Access to any information collected under the
17 list of reportable diseases shall be limited to the person
18 who reported the disease and the state veterinarian, except
19 that the state veterinarian may at his discretion notify
20 any of the following:

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22 (i) The Wyoming livestock board;

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24 (ii) The state veterinary laboratory;

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(iii) The Wyoming game and fish director only if the disease threatens wildlife;

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(iv) Any state or federal inspector, public health official or peace officer who is actively involved in the investigation of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of the contagious or infectious disease; or

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(v) Owners of possible contact animals.

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(b) A failure to report, or any attempt to conceal the existence of the disease or to willfully or maliciously obstruct or resist the veterinarian in the discharge of his duty is a misdemeanor. Any person who willfully or maliciously falsifies a report to the state veterinarian is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of any of the above acts or omissions shall be punished as provided in W.S. 11-1-103.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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