

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0286

Desertion and abandonment of sheep.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Samuelson and Senator(s) Nicholas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture and animals; modifying
2 elements of the offense involving a herder abandoning or
3 deserting sheep; providing an exception; providing
4 penalties; 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. 11-30-108 is amended to read:

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10 **11-30-108. Desertion and abandonment of sheep by**
11 **herders.**

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13 (a) It is unlawful for any person having charge as
14 herder of any sheep to willfully desert and abandon the
15 sheep upon the open range and leave them without care or
16 attention except in those cases where the life or health of
17 the herder is in imminent or immediate danger. The herder

1 shall in all cases where practical give the owner or his
2 employer not less than five (5) days notice prior to the
3 time at which he intends to abandon the sheep. Any person
4 who violates this section shall be fined not less than ~~two~~
5 ~~hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)
6 nor more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)~~ ten
7 thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), imprisoned not more than ~~six~~
8 ~~(6) months~~ one (1) year, or both.

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10 (b) Any person who knowingly and willingly aids or
11 abets any herder in the commission of an offense under
12 subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to same
13 finances and imprisonment as provided for in subsection (a) of
14 this section.

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16 (c) Any person who offers alternative employment to a
17 herder knowing that such an offer would cause the herder to
18 abandon or desert sheep upon the open range is subject to a
19 fine and penalty of up to twice the amount and level as
20 provided for in subsection (a) of this section.

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22 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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24 (END)