

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Intentional feeding of game animals.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to big and trophy game animals; prohibiting
2 intentional and negligent feeding of big and trophy game
3 animals; providing exceptions; providing definitions;
4 providing 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. 23-3-309 is created to read:

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10 **23-3-309 Intentional feeding of big and trophy game**
11 **animals; penalty.**

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13 (a) No person shall intentionally attract or feed any
14 big game or trophy game animal by depositing, placing,
15 distributing or scattering any attractant or food source.

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1 (b) No person, after having received a written
2 warning from the department or any peace officer as defined
3 in W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv), shall fail to properly store any
4 attractant or food source or otherwise allow big or trophy
5 game animals to have access to an attractant or food
6 source.

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8 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit:

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10 (i) Any normal or accepted agricultural
11 management practice;

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13 (ii) Any big game animal or trophy game animal
14 feeding program authorized or conducted by the department;

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16 (iii) Any legal form of taking big game or
17 trophy game animals as provided in W.S. 23-1-705(j) or
18 baiting trophy game animals as authorized by commission
19 rule and regulation.

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21 (d) As used in this section:

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23 (i) "Attractant or food source" means salt, hay,
24 grain, fruit, nut, chemical, mineral, garbage or other

1 substance or material used as an attraction, food source or
2 enticement for big game or trophy game animals, regardless
3 of the kind and quantity;

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5 (ii) "Properly store" means to store in such a
6 manner that a reasonable and prudent person would believe
7 the attractant or food source had been secured in a manner
8 to prohibit access by big or trophy game animals.

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10 (e) A violation of this section constitutes a 5th
11 degree misdemeanor.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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