

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0025

Cost of care bonding.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture and animals; providing for
2 bonds for animal care costs; repealing a lien provision
3 against local governmental entities; and providing for an
4 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. 11-29-114 is created to read:

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10 **11-29-114. Impoundment of animals; cost of care for**
11 **animals; providing for bond.**

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13 (a) Any peace officer, agent or officer of the board
14 may take possession of any animal treated cruelly as
15 determined by a licensed veterinarian or veterinarian
16 employed by the board.

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2 (b) The owner of the animal impounded under
3 subsection (a) of this section, and who has been cited
4 under W.S. 6-3-203, shall be required to post a bond with
5 the circuit court in the county where the animal was
6 impounded. The bond shall be:

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8 (i) In an amount the circuit court determines is
9 sufficient to provide for the animal's board, nutritional
10 care, veterinary care and diagnostic testing for at least
11 ninety (90) days including the day on which the animal was
12 impounded; and

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14 (ii) Filed with the circuit court within ten
15 (10) days after the animal is impounded.

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17 (c) When the bond expires, if the owner of the animal
18 desires to prevent disposition of the animal by the board,
19 the owner shall post a new bond with the court as described
20 in subsection (b) of this section.

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22 (d) If a bond is not posted under subsection (b) or
23 (c) of this section, the board shall determine final
24 disposition of the animal in accordance with reasonable

1 practices for the humane treatment of animals. The owner
2 of the animal shall be liable for all costs associated with
3 the final disposition of the animal under this subsection.

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5 (e) If a bond has been posted in accordance with
6 subsection (b) or (c) of this section, the agency employing
7 the officer, or the board, may draw from the bond the
8 actual costs as described in subsection (b) of this
9 section, from the date of initial impoundment to the date
10 of final disposition of the animal.

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12 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-29-106 is amended to read:

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14 **11-29-106. Livestock board; authority to prevent**
15 **cruelty; penalty for interference with officer.**

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17 Any peace officer, ~~or~~ agent or officer of the board may
18 lawfully interfere to prevent the perpetration of any act
19 of cruelty upon any animal in his presence. Any person who
20 interferes with, obstructs or resists any peace officer or
21 officer or agent of the board in the discharge of his duty
22 shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00)
23 nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars

1 (\$1,500.00), or imprisoned not more than one (1) year, or
2 both.

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4 **Section 3.** W.S. 11-29-107 is repealed.

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

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