

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0233

Prairie dog control.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Teeters, Childers and Diercks and Senator(s) Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; adding prairie dogs to
2 the definition of predatory animal; preventing relocation
3 of prairie dogs; providing a penalty; 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. 23-1-1101 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 11

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PRAIRIE DOG RELOCATION

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23-1-1101. Prairie dog relocation; penalty.

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1 (a) No prairie dog may be relocated into or within
2 Wyoming without the written consent of the landowner where
3 the prairie dog is being relocated to.

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5 (b) Any person violating subsection (a) of this
6 section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not
7 more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisoned
8 for not more than six (6) months, or both for each offense.
9 The director is authorized to investigate alleged
10 violations and to file a complaint with the proper district
11 attorney for the prosecution of the violation.

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13 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-6-302(a)(ix)(A) and
14 23-1-101(a)(viii)(A) are amended to read:

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16 **11-6-302. Definitions.**

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18 (a) As used in this article:

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20 (ix) "Predatory animal" means:

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22 (A) Coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon,
23 red fox, skunk, prairie dog or stray cat; and

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