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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Intentional feeding of elk.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elk and disease transmission to
2 livestock; prohibiting intentional feeding of elk;
3 providing exceptions; providing definitions; 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. 23-3-309 is created to read:

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10 **23-3-309 Intentional feeding of elk; penalty.**

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12 (a) No person shall intentionally attract or feed any
13 elk by depositing, placing, distributing or scattering hay.

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2 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit:

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4 (i) Any normal or accepted agricultural
5 management practice;

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7 (ii) Any elk feeding program authorized or
8 conducted by the department;

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10 (iii) Any legal form of taking elk as provided
11 in W.S. 23-1-705(j) or baiting elk as authorized by
12 commission rule and regulation;

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14 (iv) Any feeding of elk for the purpose of
15 reducing the opportunity for contact with livestock when
16 undertaken with prior notice to the department.

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18 (c) A violation of this section constitutes a high
19 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii).

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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