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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Game and fish violations-penalties.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing felony  
2 penalties for second or subsequent convictions of taking  
3 specified big game animals without a license and for wanton  
4 destruction of big game animals; and providing for an  
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-102(d) and 23-3-107(d) are

10 amended to read:

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12 **23-3-102. Taking certain game animals without license**  
13 **or during a closed season prohibited.**

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2 (d) Any person who knowingly takes any antlered elk,  
3 antlered deer, antlered moose, horned antelope, bighorn  
4 sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, grizzly bear or black  
5 bear without the proper license or during a closed season  
6 except as otherwise permitted by this act is guilty of a  
7 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five  
8 thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than ten thousand  
9 dollars (\$10,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one  
10 (1) year, or both.

A second or subsequent conviction within ten (10) years for a violation of this subsection constitutes a felony punishable by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, or both.

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17 **23-3-107. Wanton destruction of big game animal;**  
18 **reward.**

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20 (d) Violation of this section constitutes a high  
21 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii).

22 A second or subsequent conviction within ten (10) years for  
23 a violation of this section constitutes a felony punishable

1 by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars  
2 (\$5,000.00) nor more than ten thousand dollars  
3 (\$10,000.00), imprisonment for not more than ten (10)  
4 years, or both.

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

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