

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0011

Dogs chasing wildlife.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; modifying penalties for
2 owners of dogs injuring or threatening big game animals;
3 modifying elements of the offense; 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. 23-3-109(c) is amended to read:

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10 **23-3-109. Use of dogs; dogs injuring big or trophy**
11 **game animals may be killed; citation of owners of dogs**
12 **harassing game animals; penalties.**

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14 (c) ~~A peace officer may arrest or issue a summons to~~
15 ~~the owner of any~~ It is unlawful for any person to knowingly
16 or negligently allow or direct a dog ~~injuring or~~

1 ~~threatening~~ which he owns or is under his control to injure
2 or threaten a big game animal with ~~immediate~~ injury,
3 whether or not the big game animal is actually injured by
4 the dog, unless the dog was attempting to protect livestock
5 or other property. A ~~first~~ conviction under this
6 subsection is punishable by a fine imposed for a low
7 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v).
8 ~~A second and each subsequent conviction under this~~
9 ~~subsection is punishable by a fine and imprisonment imposed~~
10 ~~for a low misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S.~~
11 ~~23-6-202(a)(v).~~

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

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