

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0123

Collection of antler or horns by residents and nonresidents.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Berger, Byron, Heiner and Western and Senator(s) Kolb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing that any shed
2 antlers and horns on public land are the property of the
3 state; providing the game and fish commission authority to
4 promulgate rules to establish seasons for the collection of
5 antlers and horns; specifying the start of horn and antler
6 collection seasons for residents and nonresidents;
7 requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-103 and 23-1-302(a)(xxxi) are
12 amended to read:

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14 **23-1-103. Ownership of wildlife; purpose of**
15 **provisions.**

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2 For the purpose of this act, all wildlife in Wyoming is the
3 property of the state, including shed antlers or horns
4 located on public lands. It is the purpose of this act and
5 the policy of the state to provide an adequate and flexible
6 system for control, propagation, management, protection and
7 regulation of all Wyoming wildlife. There shall be no
8 private ownership of live animals classified in this act as
9 big or trophy game animals or of any wolf or wolf hybrid.

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11 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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13 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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15 (xxxi) To regulate and control the collection of
16 shed antlers and horns of big game animals for the purpose
17 of minimizing the harassment or disturbance of big game
18 populations on public lands west of Interstate 90 from the
19 Wyoming-Montana state line to Buffalo and west of
20 Interstate 25 from Buffalo to the Wyoming-Colorado state
21 line any time during the year, subject to the provisions
22 for bighorn sheep horns in W.S. 23-3-117. Pursuant to this
23 paragraph, the commission may establish by rule seasons for

1 the collection of big game animal shed antlers and horns on
2 public lands. Any season to collect big game animal antlers
3 and horns shall begin for residents three (3) days before
4 the start of the season for nonresidents;

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6 **Section 2.** The game and fish commission shall
7 promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions
8 of this act.

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10 **Section 3.**

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12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
13 section, this act is effective July 1, 2023.

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15 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective
16 immediately upon the completion of all acts necessary for a
17 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
18 the Wyoming Constitution.

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