

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0180

Brucellosis testing-notification requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Davis, Crago, Newsome,
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Western and Senator(s) Boner, Driskill,
Hicks and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture, livestock and other
2 animals; requiring the Wyoming livestock board to establish
3 a communication protocol to provide information related to
4 brucellosis testing; requiring the state veterinarian to
5 provide information to livestock owners regarding
6 brucellosis testing; making a conforming amendment;
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. 11-18-103(a) by creating a new
12 paragraph (xii), 11-18-117(b) and 11-19-102(a)(vi), (vii)
13 and by creating a new paragraph (viii) and by creating a
14 new subsection (f) are amended to read:

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2 **11-18-103. Livestock board; powers generally.**

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4 (a) In addition to powers and duties hereinafter
5 provided, the Wyoming livestock board shall:

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7 (xii) Promulgate rules to establish a standard
8 communication protocol to inform all livestock producers,
9 veterinarians and brand inspectors in the county where a
10 non-negative brucellosis test has been confirmed for any
11 animal.

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13 **11-18-117. Confidentiality of livestock premises and**
14 **identification records; penalties.**

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16 (b) The Wyoming livestock board may release any
17 information related to a confirmed non-negative brucellosis
18 test in the county where the animal testing non-negative is
19 located, subject to W.S. 11-18-103(a)(xii), and may release
20 information collected for the purposes of a livestock
21 identification program related to the ownership and
22 location of individual animals to the extent the
23 information is useful in controlling or preventing a

1 disease outbreak or to show particular animals or herds are
2 not involved in a disease outbreak. The information
3 released may be a public release or may be limited to
4 specific individuals with a need to know the information,
5 as the livestock board deems the circumstances require.

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7 **11-19-102. Duty of public to report diseases; list of**
8 **reportable diseases; failure to comply or obstruction of**
9 **duty; liability; penalties.**

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11 (a) Any person or government entity who knows or
12 suspects that there is any contagious or infectious
13 reportable disease among animals owned by or under their
14 jurisdiction or any veterinarian who knows or suspects any
15 reportable contagious or infectious disease on any premises
16 or in any animal, shall immediately report the same to the
17 state veterinarian. The state veterinarian shall establish
18 and manage a list of reportable diseases for any contagious
19 or infectious disease deemed by the state veterinarian to
20 be a threat to domestic animals. During development of this
21 list the state veterinarian shall consult with the Wyoming
22 game and fish department's supervisor of veterinary
23 research services. Information collected in response to

1 the list of reportable diseases shall be considered
2 confidential proprietary information. Access to any
3 information collected under the list of reportable diseases
4 shall be limited to the person who reported the disease and
5 the state veterinarian, except that the state veterinarian
6 may at his discretion notify any of the following:

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8 (vi) Adjacent landowners;~~or~~

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10 (vii) Local area practicing veterinarians;~~or~~ or

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12 (viii) Owners of animals that have or may have
13 contracted any contagious or infectious disease.

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15 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
16 the state veterinarian shall provide testing information to
17 the owner of an animal that has tested non-negative for
18 brucellosis not later than three (3) days after laboratory
19 confirmation.

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21 **Section 2.** The Wyoming livestock board shall
22 promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions
23 of this act.

