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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Requirements for the taking of predatory animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Storer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring any person who
2 injures or disables a predatory animal by use of a vehicle
3 to use all reasonable efforts to kill the animal
4 immediately; providing a penalty; making conforming
5 amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-103(a), by creating a new
11 subsection (c) and by renumbering (c) as (d) and 23-3-
12 306(a) are amended to read:

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2 The newly created subsection (c), above, uses the language
3 "automotive vehicle, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or
4 vehicle designed for travel over snow" from W.S. 23-3-
5 306(a) (see page 4), which is the only place in statute
6 where that language is used. The Working Group may wish to
7 consider whether the terms need defined. Alternatively
8 "motor vehicle" is defined under W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv) and
9 includes "off-road recreational vehicle". The definition is
10 as follow:

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12 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this
13 act:

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15 (xv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which
16 is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human
17 power, electric bicycles or motorized skateboards. The
18 term includes the following vehicles as hereafter defined:

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20 (K) "Off-road recreational vehicle" means:

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22 (I) A recreational vehicle primarily
23 designed for off-road use that is fifty (50) inches or less
24 in width measured from the outside of one (1) tire rim to
25 the outside of the opposite tire rim and that has an
26 unladen weight of one thousand one hundred (1,100) pounds
27 or less;

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29 (II) Any motorcycle not required by
30 law to be licensed that has an unladen weight of six
31 hundred (600) pounds or less, is designed to be ridden off-
32 road with the operator astride upon a seat or saddle and
33 travels on two (2) tires; and

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35 (III) Any multi-wheeled motorized
36 vehicle not required by law to be licensed and is designed
37 for cross-country travel on or over land, sand, snow, ice
38 or other natural terrain and which has an unladen weight of
39 more than nine hundred (900) pounds.

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41 Additionally, "snowmobile" is defined under W.S. 32-2-
42 401(a)(ii) as "any mechanically driven vehicle of a type
43 which utilizes sled type runners, or skis, or any endless
44 belt tread or combination of these, designed primarily for
45 operation over snow".

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The Working Group may also wish to consider providing other definitions for terms such as "use all reasonable efforts" for clarity.

~~(e)~~(d) Any person who takes any furbearing animal or game bird without the appropriate license, except as otherwise provided by this act, and any person who violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of a low misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v).

23-3-306. Use of aircraft, automobiles, motorized and snow vehicles and artificial light for hunting or fishing prohibited; exceptions; penalties.

(a) No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals subject to W.S. 23-3-103(c) with, from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any aircraft, to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing

1 other aid to any person taking the wildlife. Nothing in
2 this subsection shall apply to the use of any aircraft by
3 governmental agencies, their employees, contractors or
4 designees performing any lawful duties. The commission may
5 exempt handicapped hunters from any provision of this
6 subsection. For purposes of this section "aircraft" means
7 any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight
8 including but not limited to an airplane, helicopter,
9 glider, dirigible or unmanned aerial vehicle.

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11 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to any person who
12 injures or disables a predatory animal by use of an
13 automotive vehicle, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or
14 vehicle designed for travel over snow on and after July 1,
15 2025.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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