

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0067

Use of aircraft as a hunting aid.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Thompson, Bagby, Boswell,  
Illoway, Jones and Petersen and Senator(s)  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; modifying the prohibition  
2 on the use of aircraft to aid in the taking of game  
3 animals; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-306(a) is amended to read:

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9 **23-3-306. Use of aircraft, automobiles, motorized and**  
10 **snow vehicles and artificial light for hunting or fishing**  
11 **prohibited; exception; penalties.**

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13 (a) No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, or  
14 kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with,  
15 from, or by use of any ~~flying machine~~aircraft, automotive  
16 vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or

1 vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use  
2 any aircraft, to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife,  
3 except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating  
4 the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to  
5 take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person  
6 taking the wildlife. The prohibition on the use of aircraft  
7 to aid in the taking of wildlife shall be applicable only  
8 if the aircraft was used within forty-eight (48) hours  
9 before the taking or attempted taking of the wildlife.  
10 Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the use of any  
11 aircraft by governmental agencies, their employees,  
12 contractors or designees performing any lawful duties. The  
13 commission may exempt handicapped hunters from any  
14 provision of this subsection.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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