

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0057

Nuisance dogs.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Illoway, Boswell, Edwards,
Johnson, W., Law, Landon, Petersen and
Warren

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; modifying elements
2 of the offense of breach of the peace; authorizing county
3 commissioners to regulate dogs as specified; and providing
4 for an 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. 6-6-102(a) and 11-31-301(g) are
9 amended to read:

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11 **6-6-102. Breach of the peace; penalties.**

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13 (a) A person commits breach of the peace if he
14 disturbs the peace of a community or its inhabitants by
15 unreasonably loud noise or music or by allowing his dog to
16 engage in continued or frequent loud barking or by using

1 threatening, abusive or obscene language or violent actions
2 with knowledge or probable cause to believe he will disturb
3 the peace.

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5 **11-31-301. Public nuisance; notice; penalties; rules**
6 **and regulations; animal control districts and officers.**

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8 (g) A board of county commissioners may enact
9 regulations relative to dogs engaged in continued or
10 frequent barking loud enough to disturb neighbors, dogs
11 molesting passersby, dogs running at large, vicious dogs,
12 dogs running wild game or livestock or acts by other
13 animals which shall carry out the purposes of this section.
14 The county sheriff shall and a county animal control
15 officer or any other peace officer may enforce these
16 regulations to protect persons and property.

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

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20 (END)