

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0007

Game road kill.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Blake,
Lindholm, Northrup and Petroff and
Senator(s) Craft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for rules and
2 regulations to authorize the collection of road killed
3 animals; providing restrictions; and providing for an
4 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. 23-3-310 is created to read:

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10 **23-3-310. Possession of road killed wildlife.**

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12 (a) The commission shall, in consultation with the
13 state transportation commission and through rule and
14 regulation, establish a program whereby any person desiring
15 to possess wildlife killed as a result of motor vehicle

1 collisions on any public road or highway in the state of
2 Wyoming is permitted to do so, provided that he possesses
3 one (1) of the following:

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5 (i) A letter of prior authorization from the
6 department. Letters of prior authorization may be available
7 through the director to any person or entity which commits
8 to putting road killed wildlife carcasses to a beneficial
9 use;

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11 (ii) A valid scientific or educational
12 collecting permit for the specific species issued pursuant
13 to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xiii); or

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15 (iii) A donation certificate or Wyoming
16 interstate game tag issued by the department. A person
17 desiring to possess a road killed animal shall contact the
18 department before taking possession of an animal to obtain
19 a donation certificate. The rules may provide that a
20 person requesting the donation certificate may have to
21 present the animal for inspection to verify its possession
22 meets the criteria of the regulation. The rules may also

1 provide for obtaining a donation certificate after the
2 person takes possession of the animal.

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4 (b) None of the provisions of this section shall
5 apply to bighorn sheep, gray wolves within any area of the
6 state where gray wolves are classified as trophy game
7 animals, grizzly bears, mountain goats, wildlife species
8 covered under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act,
9 federal threatened or endangered species or those species
10 whose possession is prohibited by federal or state statute
11 or regulation.

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13 (c) Nothing in this section shall authorize the
14 possession of any illegally taken wildlife or wildlife
15 found dead due to causes other than motor vehicle
16 collisions.

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18 (d) The commission may through rule and regulation
19 require any antlers or horns, with skull plate intact,
20 taken pursuant to this section to be properly tagged with a
21 Wyoming interstate game tag.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-3-106(a)(i), (ii) and by creating
2 a new paragraph (iii) is amended to read:

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4 **23-3-106. Wyoming game and Wyoming interstate game**
5 **tags; when required.**

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7 (a) Except as provided in W.S. 23-2-302(e), no person
8 shall ship, transport, or receive for shipment or
9 transportation within Wyoming, any game animal, game bird,
10 or any part thereof, unless tagged with a Wyoming game tag
11 or Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless:

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13 (i) The transportation is by a person
14 accompanying the carcass of a big or trophy game animal who
15 is in possession of a proper coupon;~~or~~

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17 (ii) The transportation is by a properly
18 licensed bird or small game hunter in possession of not
19 more than his daily bag or possession limit;~~or~~ or

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21 (iii) The transportation is by a person
22 possessing authorization pursuant to W.S. 23-3-310 except

1 an interstate game tag may by rule and regulation be
2 required as provided in W.S. 23-3-310(d).

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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