

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0018

Wolves and grizzly bears-limited state action.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; prohibiting law
2 enforcement from assisting the federal government in
3 investigating, arresting and prosecuting persons taking or
4 injuring gray wolves or grizzly bears as specified;
5 providing exceptions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-310 is created to read:

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11 **23-3-310. Gray wolf and grizzly bear investigations**
12 **and assistance prohibited.**

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14 (a) No game and fish personnel or Wyoming law
15 enforcement officer shall assist any official, agent or

1 employee of the United States government in the
2 investigation, arrest or prosecution of any person who
3 takes or causes injury of a gray wolf or grizzly bear in
4 the state, if the animal is a species listed as
5 experimental nonessential population, endangered species or
6 threatened species in the state.

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8 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit game and
9 fish personnel or Wyoming law enforcement officers from:

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11 (i) Enforcing or complying with any provision of
12 federal or state law other than those identified in
13 subsection (a) of this section;

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15 (ii) Responding to civil process;

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17 (iii) Taking any action to facilitate the
18 delisting of the gray wolf or grizzly bear under the
19 Endangered Species Act;

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21 (iv) Working with any official, agent or
22 employee of the United States government in an effort to

1 reduce the number of gray wolves or grizzly bears in any
2 area in the state.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
7 Constitution.

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