

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0095

Game road kill.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Burt, Gray,  
                  Hunt, Newsome, Paxton, Sweeney and Wharff  
                  and Senator(s) Driskill and Hutchings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing rules to  
2 provide for the collection of road killed animals;  
3 providing restrictions; and providing for an effective  
4 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, adopt rules to establish a  
14 program whereby any person desiring to possess wildlife  
15 killed as a result of motor vehicle collisions on any

1 public road or highway in the state of Wyoming is permitted  
2 to do so, provided that he possesses one (1) of the  
3 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 license 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, including a  
17 certificate or tag issued electronically. Unless otherwise  
18 provided by rule of the commission, a person desiring to  
19 possess a road killed animal shall contact the department  
20 before taking possession of an animal to obtain a donation  
21 certificate. The rules may provide that a person requesting  
22 the donation certificate may have to present the animal for

1 inspection to verify its possession meets the criteria of  
2 the regulation.

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

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21 **23-3-106. Wyoming game and Wyoming interstate game**  
22 **tags; when required.**

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