

SENATE FILE NO. SF0029

Brucellosis management updates.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &  
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture, livestock and other  
2 animals; amending the requirement to distinctly brand a  
3 livestock animal following a positive brucellosis test to  
4 be discretionary; updating the provisions for brucellosis  
5 testing of cattle; modifying the documentation requirements  
6 to receive compensation for brucellosis testing; requiring  
7 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-19-401 and 11-19-407(a) and (c)  
12 are amended to read:

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14 **11-19-401. Tagging, branding and disposition of**  
15 **cattle reacting to test; penalties for failure to comply.**

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2 All livestock animals in Wyoming reacting to a confirmatory  
3 test for brucellosis (Bang's disease) ~~shall~~may be  
4 immediately permanently branded with a hot iron letter "B"  
5 on the left tailhead by or in the presence of an officially  
6 authorized veterinarian. All such reactor livestock animals  
7 shall be disposed of for slaughter or diagnostic purposes  
8 only, upon and according to written instruction from the  
9 Wyoming livestock board. Any person who violates any  
10 provision of this section shall be punished as provided in  
11 W.S. 11-1-103. As used in this section, "confirmatory test"  
12 means a test for brucellosis that has the specificity and  
13 sensitivity to verify the presence or absence of brucella  
14 abortus in animal serum or tissues and is used to confirm  
15 results from an initial brucellosis test.

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17 **11-19-407. Brucellosis testing program.**

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19 (a) The livestock board shall develop a brucellosis  
20 surveillance program in any designated surveillance area as  
21 defined by the livestock board and any temporary  
22 surveillance area ~~of concern~~ designated by the board and  
23 approved by the governor as an area where risk of exposure

1 to documented infected wildlife is of concern. The program  
2 may be conducted with the help of veterinary practitioners  
3 and livestock auction markets. This program shall provide  
4 for the testing of livestock for brucellosis, for spaying  
5 heifers and for adult vaccinations only to the extent that  
6 may be reasonably necessary to maintain or to regain the  
7 brucellosis-free status of the state of Wyoming.  
8 Compensation under this program for all purposes except  
9 mandatory testing or testing within ~~an~~a temporary  
10 surveillance area ~~of concern~~ as designated by the board and  
11 approved by the governor shall be pursuant to the terms of  
12 a ~~livestock herd~~brucellosis mitigation plan that has been  
13 entered into between the livestock producer and the Wyoming  
14 state veterinarian.

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16 (c) Payments under subsection (b) of this section  
17 shall be made monthly directly to accredited veterinarians  
18 who perform brucellosis testing, spaying, adult vaccinating  
19 and surveillance planning or to livestock auction markets  
20 that use their facilities and veterinarians to conduct  
21 brucellosis testing, spaying or adult vaccinating as  
22 mandated by rule of the Wyoming livestock board or the  
23 United States department of agriculture animal and plant

1 ~~and~~ health inspection service. The payment shall be made  
2 upon ~~submission to~~ receipt by the Wyoming livestock board  
3 of ~~a notarized invoice indicating the number of head~~  
4 ~~tested, spayed or adult vaccinated, the ownership of the~~  
5 ~~animals tested, spayed or adult vaccinated and the testing,~~  
6 ~~spaying or adult vaccinating location~~ documentation in the  
7 format and manner specified by board rule.

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9       **Section 2.** The Wyoming livestock board shall  
10 promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions  
11 of this act no later than July 1, 2023.

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13       **Section 3.**

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15       (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
16 section, this act is effective July 1, 2023.

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18       (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective  
19 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
20 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
21 the Wyoming Constitution.

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