

SENATE FILE NO. SF0139

Trapping requirements-licenses, seasons and setbacks.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Dockstader and Representative(s)
Erickson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing the Wyoming
2 game and fish commission to promulgate rules to establish
3 trap setback specifications; repealing an obsolete
4 provision; requiring rulemaking; and providing for
5 effective dates.

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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. 23-2-303(d) is amended to read:

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11 **23-2-303. Trapping licenses; tagging; traps and**
12 **snares; penalty; confiscation; inspection; interference**
13 **with trapping.**

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1 (d) The commission, following consultation with other
2 affected entities, may promulgate rules and regulations
3 establishing specifications for setbacks, snares, breakaway
4 weights, location of breakaway devices, loop size and
5 anchors for trapping and snaring of furbearing and
6 predatory animals. All traps and snares used for furbearing
7 or predatory animals shall be permanently marked or tagged
8 with the name and address of the owner or the
9 identification number assigned to the owner by the
10 department. Any identification number attached to a trap or
11 snare pursuant to this subsection is solely for the use of
12 the department or appropriate law enforcement officers and
13 is not a public record for purposes of W.S. 16-4-201
14 through 16-4-205. No trap or snare shall be set for
15 furbearing or predatory animals within thirty (30) feet of
16 any exposed bait or carcass over five (5) pounds in weight.
17 As used in this subsection, "exposed bait or carcass" means
18 the meat or viscera of any part of a mammal, bird or fish,
19 excluding dried bones. All snares used for taking
20 furbearing or predatory animals shall be equipped with a
21 break-away device. Unless otherwise specified in this
22 subsection, all steel-jawed leghold traps shall be checked
23 by the owner at least once during each seventy-two (72)

1 hour period unless extensions are granted by the
2 department. All snares and quick kill body grip traps shall
3 be checked by the owner not less than once each week unless
4 extensions are granted by the department. All wildlife
5 caught in any trap or snare shall upon discovery, be
6 removed immediately by the owner. Violation of this
7 subsection constitutes a low misdemeanor punishable as
8 provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v).

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10 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-2-303(b) is repealed.

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12 **Section 3.** The game and fish commission shall
13 promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions
14 of this act.

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1 **Section 4.**

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3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section, this act is effective January 1, 2026.

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

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