

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0153

Taking of predators on public lands.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Schmid

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; prohibiting persons from  
2 intentionally harassing, injuring or killing predatory  
3 animals with vehicles that travel over the ground on public  
4 lands; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective  
5 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. 23-3-306(a) is amended to read:

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11 **23-3-306. Use of aircraft, automobiles, motorized and**  
12 **snow vehicles and artificial light for hunting or fishing**  
13 **prohibited; exceptions; penalties.**

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15 (a) The following shall apply to the taking of  
16 wildlife:

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2           (i) No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot,  
3 or kill any Wyoming wildlife that requires a license or  
4 permit to take, is protected under W.S. 23-1-101(a)(ix) and  
5 (x) or is classified as threatened or endangered by federal  
6 wildlife regulations, with, from, or by use of any  
7 aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled  
8 wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow  
9 anywhere in the state of Wyoming;

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11           (ii) When on public land, no person in the state  
12 of Wyoming shall intentionally harass, pursue, hunt, shoot,  
13 injure or kill any Wyoming wildlife or predatory animals  
14 with an automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled  
15 wheeled vehicle or vehicle designed for travel over snow.

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17           (iii) No person shall use any aircraft, to aid  
18 in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory  
19 animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife,  
20 communicating with any person attempting to take the  
21 wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking  
22 the wildlife;

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1           (iv) Nothing in this subsection shall apply to  
2 the use of any aircraft by governmental agencies, their  
3 employees, contractors or designees performing any lawful  
4 duties;~~;~~

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6           (v) The commission may exempt handicapped  
7 hunters from any provision of this subsection;~~;~~

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9           (vi) For purposes of this section, "aircraft"  
10 means any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight  
11 including but not limited to an airplane, helicopter,  
12 glider, dirigible or unmanned aerial vehicle.

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14           **Section 2.** The game and fish commission shall  
15 promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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1           **Section 3.**

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

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6           (b) Sections 2 and 3 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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