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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Wildlife location and research information-confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for
2 confidentiality of wildlife information as specified;
3 authorizing disclosure of wildlife information as
4 specified; limiting inspection of sensitive geospatial
5 wildlife information for purposes of public records
6 provisions as specified; providing a definition; and
7 providing for an effective date.

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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. 23-1-110 is created to read:

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1 **23-1-110. Confidentiality of game and fish records.**

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3 (a) Proprietary records, data and information obtained
4 by the department as a result of a study or research on
5 wildlife issues shall be deemed confidential and are not
6 public records for purposes of W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-
7 205 if the records, data or information have not been
8 publicly released. The director may direct or permit
9 disclosure of any records, data and information specified
10 in this subsection as the director deems necessary.

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12 (b) Unless otherwise provided by law, the director may
13 deny the right of inspection for purposes of W.S. 16-4-201
14 through 16-4-205 of any records, data or information
15 collected or obtained by the department that concerns
16 sensitive geospatial information if the director determines
17 releasing the records, data or information would be
18 contrary to the public interest or detrimental to wildlife.

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20 (c) Any person denied the right to inspect any
21 record, data or information covered by this section may
22 apply to the district court of the district wherein the
23 record, data or information is found for an order directing

1 the director to show cause why he should not permit the
2 inspection of the record, data or information.

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4 (d) For purposes of this section, "sensitive
5 geospatial information" includes:

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7 (i) Radio frequencies used in, or locational data
8 generated by, wildlife studies;

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10 (ii) Location data collected by the department or
11 generated by global positioning system devices or other
12 devices designed to provide specific locations of wildlife;

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14 (iii) Other wildlife information that may lead to
15 the determination of a specific location, migration route,
16 den site, rendezvous site or nest site of an individual
17 animal or group of animals.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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