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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Bond for impounded animals.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to animals; creating provisions relating to
2 posting bond for an impounded animal other than a livestock
3 animal; amending bond provision for impounded livestock
4 animals as specified; and providing for an effective 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. 6-3-203(j)(i) and 11-29-114(b)(i) are
9 amended to read:

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11 **6-3-203. Cruelty to animals; penalties; limitation on**
12 **manner of destruction.**

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2 (j) In addition to any sentence and penalties imposed
3 under subsections (e), (h) and (n) of this section, the
4 court may:

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6 (i) Require the defendant to ~~pay all reasonable~~
7 ~~costs incurred in providing necessary food and water,~~
8 ~~veterinary attention and treatment for any animal affected~~
9 post a bond with the circuit court in the county where the
10 animal was impounded in accordance with the following;

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12 (A) The bond shall be:

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14 (I) In an amount the circuit court
15 determines is sufficient to provide for the animal's
16 impoundment, transportation, board, nutritional care,
17 veterinary care and diagnostic testing for at least ninety
18 (90) days including the day on which the animal was
19 impounded. The bond may also include an amount the circuit
20 court determines sufficient to provide for the final
21 disposition of the animal; and

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1 (II) Filed with the circuit court
2 within ten (10) days after the animal is impounded.

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4 (B) When the bond expires, if the owner of
5 the animal desires to prevent disposition of the animal by
6 a person with authority to enforce this section, the owner
7 shall post a new bond with the court as described in
8 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

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10 (C) If a bond is not posted under
11 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph, a person with
12 authority to enforce this section shall dispose of the
13 animal. As used in this paragraph, "dispose" means to sell
14 or destroy the animal. The owner of the animal shall be
15 liable for all costs associated with the final disposition
16 of the animal under this subparagraph.

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18 (D) If a bond has been posted in accordance
19 with subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph, the person
20 with authority to enforce this section may draw from the
21 bond the actual costs as described in subdivision (I) of
22 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, from the date of

1 initial impoundment to the date of final disposition of the
2 animal.

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4 **11-29-114. Impoundment of livestock animals; cost of**
5 **care for livestock animals; providing for bond.**

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7 (b) The owner of the livestock animal impounded under
8 subsection (a) of this section, and who has been cited
9 under W.S. 6-3-203, shall be required to post a bond with
10 the circuit court in the county where the livestock animal
11 was impounded. The bond shall be:

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13 (i) In an amount the circuit court determines is
14 sufficient to provide for the livestock animal's
15 impoundment, transportation, board, nutritional care,
16 veterinary care and diagnostic testing for at least ninety
17 (90) days including the day on which the livestock animal
18 was impounded; and

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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