

**DRAFT ONLY  
NOT APPROVED FOR  
INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Defining aircraft for purposes of hunting prohibitions.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing a definition of  
2 "aircraft" for purposes of the prohibition on the use of  
3 aircraft for hunting and other purposes as specified; and  
4 providing for an effective date.

5

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

7

8 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-306(a) is amended to read:

9

10 **23-3-306. Use of aircraft, automobiles, motorized and**  
11 **snow vehicles and artificial light for hunting or fishing**  
12 **prohibited; exceptions; penalties.**

13

1           (a) No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, or  
2 kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with,  
3 from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle,  
4 trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle  
5 designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any  
6 aircraft, to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife,  
7 except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating  
8 the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to  
9 take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person  
10 taking the wildlife. Nothing in this subsection shall apply  
11 to the use of any aircraft by governmental agencies, their  
12 employees, contractors or designees performing any lawful  
13 duties. The commission may exempt handicapped hunters from  
14 any provision of this subsection. For purposes of this  
15 section "aircraft" means any machine or device capable of  
16 atmospheric flight including but not limited to an  
17 airplane, helicopter, glider, dirigible or unmanned aerial  
18 vehicle.

19

20 \*\*\*\*\*  
21 \*\*\*\*\*

22 STAFF COMMENT

23

24 The above definition is essentially the definition found in  
25 Chapter 2 General Hunting Regulation, of the Wyoming Game  
26 and Fish Commission regulations as of June 24, 2022.

```

1 *****
2                *****
3

```

4           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

6 ( END )