

**DRAFT ONLY
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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Prohibiting travel across private land for hunting purposes.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; expanding the prohibition
2 for entering private property without permission for
3 hunting purposes to also prohibit traveling through the
4 property; 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. 23-3-305(b) is amended to read:

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10 **23-3-305. Hunting from highway; entering or traveling**
11 **through enclosed private property without permission;**
12 **penalty; hunting at night without permission prohibited.**

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2 (b) No person shall enter upon or travel through the
 3 private property of any person to hunt, fish, collect
 4 antlers or horns, or trap without the permission of the
 5 owner or person in charge of the property. Violation of
 6 this subsection constitutes a low misdemeanor punishable as
 7 provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v). For purposes of this
 8 subsection "travel through" requires physically touching or
 9 driving on the surface of the private property.

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 13 STAFF COMMENT

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 15 Two potential amendments the Committee may wish to consider
 16 in an effort to clarify that a person may be charged for
 17 crossing the land for going to or returning from the
 18 hunting, fishing, etc. include:

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20 Option A:

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 22 Page 2-line 2 Delete "or" and insert ","; after "through"
 23 insert "or return across".

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25 Option B:

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 27 Page 2-line 4 After "trap" insert ", or return
 28 therefrom,".

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32 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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