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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

State lands-fencing.

Sponsored by: HDraft Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the office of  
2 state lands and investments or lessees to fence state lands  
3 as specified; prohibiting trespass actions as specified;  
4 requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 36-5-119 is created to read:

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10 **36-5-119. State lands; fencing; trespass actions.**

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12 If livestock from privately owned adjoining lands stray  
13 onto state lands, the office of state lands and investments

1 or the lessee shall be responsible to fence the affected  
2 state lands rather than the adjoining private landowner.  
3 The office of state lands and investments shall not seek a  
4 trespass action against the livestock owner if the only  
5 grounds for the action are livestock straying onto unfenced  
6 state lands that do not comply with W.S. 11-28-102. Nothing  
7 in this section shall be deemed to limit any liability  
8 under W.S. 11-28-108 for state lands enclosed by lawful  
9 fence as provided in W.S. 11-28-102.

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11 **Section 2.** The office of state lands and investments  
12 shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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14 **Section 3.**

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16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
17 section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

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19 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective  
20 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
21 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
22 the Wyoming Constitution.

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