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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Requirements for the taking of predatory animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Storer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring any person who  
2 injures or disables a predatory animal by use of a vehicle  
3 to use all reasonable efforts to kill the animal  
4 immediately; providing a penalty; making conforming  
5 amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an  
6 effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-103(a), by creating a new  
11 subsection (c) and by renumbering (c) as (d) and 23-3-  
12 306(a) are amended to read:

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1           23-3-103. Taking predatory animals, predacious birds  
2 and trophy animals; taking furbearing animals and game  
3 birds without license prohibited.

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5           (a) Predatory animals and predacious birds may be  
6 taken without a license in any humane manner and at any  
7 time except as provided by W.S. 23-2-303(d) and (e), 23-3-  
8 112, 23-3-304(b), 23-3-305, 23-3-306(b) and 23-3-307. The  
9 department shall report annually to the Wyoming department  
10 of agriculture the number of predatory animals and  
11 predacious birds taken by the department's animal damage  
12 control agents, and include in the report the area where  
13 taken and the control method used.

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15           (c) Any person who intentionally injures or disables  
16 a predatory animal by use of an automotive vehicle, motor-  
17 propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel  
18 over snow shall upon inflicting the injury or disability  
19 immediately use all reasonable efforts to kill the injured  
20 or disabled predatory animal.

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24           **STAFF COMMENT**

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2 The newly created subsection (c), above, uses the language  
3 "automotive vehicle, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or  
4 vehicle designed for travel over snow" from W.S. 23-3-  
5 306(a) (see page 4), which is the only place in statute  
6 where that language is used. The Working Group may wish to  
7 consider whether the terms need defined. Alternatively  
8 "motor vehicle" is defined under W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv) and  
9 includes "off-road recreational vehicle". The definition is  
10 as follow:

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12 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this  
13 act:

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15 (xv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which  
16 is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human  
17 power, electric bicycles or motorized skateboards. The  
18 term includes the following vehicles as hereafter defined:

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20 (K) "Off-road recreational vehicle" means:

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22 (I) A recreational vehicle primarily  
23 designed for off-road use that is fifty (50) inches or less  
24 in width measured from the outside of one (1) tire rim to  
25 the outside of the opposite tire rim and that has an  
26 unladen weight of one thousand one hundred (1,100) pounds  
27 or less;

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29 (II) Any motorcycle not required by  
30 law to be licensed that has an unladen weight of six  
31 hundred (600) pounds or less, is designed to be ridden off-  
32 road with the operator astride upon a seat or saddle and  
33 travels on two (2) tires; and

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35 (III) Any multi-wheeled motorized  
36 vehicle not required by law to be licensed and is designed  
37 for cross-country travel on or over land, sand, snow, ice  
38 or other natural terrain and which has an unladen weight of  
39 more than nine hundred (900) pounds.

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41 Additionally, "snowmobile" is defined under W.S. 32-2-  
42 401(a)(ii) as "any mechanically driven vehicle of a type  
43 which utilizes sled type runners, or skis, or any endless  
44 belt tread or combination of these, designed primarily for  
45 operation over snow".

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The Working Group may also wish to consider providing other definitions for terms such as "use all reasonable efforts" for clarity.

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~~(e)~~(d) Any person who takes any furbearing animal or game bird without the appropriate license, except as otherwise provided by this act, and any person who violates subsection (c) of this section is guilty of a low misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v).

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

(a) No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals subject to W.S. 23-3-103(c) with, from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any aircraft, to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing

1 other aid to any person taking the wildlife. Nothing in  
2 this subsection shall apply to the use of any aircraft by  
3 governmental agencies, their employees, contractors or  
4 designees performing any lawful duties. The commission may  
5 exempt handicapped hunters from any provision of this  
6 subsection. For purposes of this section "aircraft" means  
7 any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight  
8 including but not limited to an airplane, helicopter,  
9 glider, dirigible or unmanned aerial vehicle.

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11 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to any person who  
12 injures or disables a predatory animal by use of an  
13 automotive vehicle, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or  
14 vehicle designed for travel over snow on and after July 1,  
15 2025.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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