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HOUSE BILL 1045

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State of Washington

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By Representative Appleton

Prefiled 12/12/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the lethal removal of gray wolves;  
2 and amending RCW 77.12.240.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.240 and 2009 c 333 s 63 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the  
7 department may authorize the removal or killing of wildlife that is  
8 destroying or injuring property, or when it is necessary for wildlife  
9 management or research.

10 (2) The department may not authorize the killing of gray wolves.  
11 The department may authorize the nonlethal removal or relocation of  
12 gray wolves that are destroying or injuring property, or when  
13 nonlethal removal or relocation is necessary for wildlife management  
14 or research.

15 (3) The department shall dispose of wildlife taken or possessed  
16 by them under this title in the manner determined by the director to  
17 be in the best interest of the state. Proceeds from sales shall be  
18 deposited in the state treasury to be credited to the state wildlife  
19 account created in RCW 77.12.170.

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