

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0093

Specifying livestock qualifying for compensation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Rodriguez-Williams, Fortner
and Laursen and Senator(s) French

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; specifying species
2 eligible for reimbursement due to depredation by trophy
3 game animals; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-901(c) is amended to read:

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9 **23-1-901. Owner of damaged property to report damage;**
10 **claims for damages; time for filing; determination; appeal;**
11 **arbitration.**

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13 (c) The department shall consider the claims based
14 upon a description of the livestock or bees damaged or
15 killed by a trophy game animal, the damaged land, growing

1 cultivated crops, stored crops including honey and hives,
2 seed crops, improvements and extraordinary damage to grass.
3 The commission is authorized to establish by rule, methods,
4 factors and formulas to be used for determining the amount
5 to compensate any landowner, lessee or agent for livestock
6 damaged as a result of, missing as a result of, or killed
7 by trophy game animals. As used in this subsection,
8 "livestock" shall include but is not limited to bovines,
9 equines sheep and alpacas. Claims shall be investigated by
10 the department and rejected or allowed within ninety (90)
11 days after submission, and paid in the amount determined to
12 be due. In the event the department fails to act within
13 ninety (90) days, the claim, including interest based on
14 local bank preferred rates, shall be deemed to have been
15 allowed. No award shall be allowed to any landowner who
16 has not permitted hunting on his property during authorized
17 hunting seasons. Any person failing to comply with any
18 provision of this section is barred from making any claim
19 against the department for damages. Any claimant aggrieved
20 by the decision of the department may appeal to the
21 commission within thirty (30) days after receipt of the
22 decision of the department as provided by rules of practice
23 and procedure promulgated by the commission. The commission

1 shall review the department decision at its next meeting
2 following receipt of notice of request for review. The
3 commission shall review the investigative report of the
4 department, and it may approve, modify or reverse the
5 decision of the department.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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