

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0102

Big game animals-harassment and disturbance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Schwartz, Baldwin, Freeman  
and Kirkbride and Senator(s) Craft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for the  
2 protection of big game animals from harassment and  
3 disturbance as specified; authorizing rulemaking;  
4 specifying applicability; providing definitions; and  
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-305 is created to read:

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11 **23-1-305. Protection of big game animals.**

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13 (a) The commission may establish rules and  
14 regulations for the purpose of minimizing the harassment or

1 disturbance of big game populations. The rules and  
2 regulations shall:

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4 (i) Regulate and control the collection of shed  
5 antlers and horns of big game animals on public lands west  
6 of the Continental Divide any time from January 1 through  
7 April 30 of each year; and

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9 (ii) Provide for the protection of crucial  
10 winter ranges on public lands essential for the  
11 conservation of big game populations from January 1 through  
12 April 30 of each year.

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14 (b) Nothing in this section shall apply to:

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16 (i) Governmental agencies, their employees,  
17 contractors or designees in the performance of any lawful  
18 duties;

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20 (ii) Any normal or accepted agricultural  
21 management practices.

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23 (c) For purposes of this section:

