

ENROLLED ACT NO. 52, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to game and fish; allowing for the use of artificial light including thermal or infrared imaging or other imaging outside the normal visible light spectrum while hunting predatory animals at night; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-3-103(a) and 23-3-306(b)(intro), (ii), by creating a new paragraph (iii) and by creating a new subsection (h) are amended to read:

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

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

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

(b) No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except as otherwise provided in subsections (f) ~~and (g) through~~ (h) of this section and except that ~~predators~~ predatory

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animals may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device including thermal or infrared imaging or other light imaging by:

(ii) A landowner, resident manager, or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission to take ~~predators~~ predatory animals, on land under the landowner's control for the protection of his property;-

(iii) Any person taking a predatory animal on public or state land, subject to limitations established by the commission as authorized in subsection (h) of this section.

(h) The commission shall establish by rule and regulation specifications for the taking of predatory animals with the use of artificial light or lighting devices including thermal or infrared imaging or other light imaging specified by the commission. Such specifications may include, but are not limited to, creation of zones, areas, valid dates and methods for taking predatory animals with the use of artificial light or lighting devices on public land.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2023.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk