

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0156

Movement of livestock in emergency situations.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hunt, Barlow, Davison,
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Senator(s) Christensen, Driskill and Emerich

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to inspection of brands; providing an
2 exception for brand and ownership inspection and movement
3 of livestock in emergency situations; providing for
4 declaration and recognition of emergency situations as
5 specified; and 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. 11-20-203 is amended to read:

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11 **11-20-203. Inspection of brands at time of delivery**
12 **or removal; certificate required; lack thereof; emergency**
13 **movement of livestock.**

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15 (a) Except as ~~hereafter~~otherwise provided in this
16 section or except as provided in W.S. 11-20-211, 11-20-224

1 and 11-20-230, it is unlawful for any person, firm,
2 partnership, corporation, or association to sell, change
3 ownership or to remove or cause to be removed in any way
4 from any county in Wyoming to any other state or country,
5 any livestock unless each animal has been inspected for
6 brands and ownership at the time of delivery or removal by
7 an authorized Wyoming brand inspector and a proper
8 certificate of inspection or clearance has been issued.

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10 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
11 transporting livestock across state lines without first
12 having had such inspection and having obtained such
13 certificates is prima facie evidence of intent to avoid
14 inspection and to steal, take and carry away the animals
15 and is punishable as provided in W.S. 6-3-402.

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17 (c) Except as ~~hereafter~~otherwise provided in this
18 section or except as provided in W.S. 11-20-211, 11-20-217,
19 11-20-224 and 11-20-230, it is unlawful for any person,
20 firm, partnership, corporation or association to remove or
21 cause to be removed in any way from any county in Wyoming
22 to any other county, any livestock unless each animal has
23 been inspected for brands and ownership at the time of
24 delivery or removal by an authorized Wyoming brand

1 inspector and a proper certificate of inspection or
2 clearance has been issued, except where the board has
3 established brand inspection zones for each species of
4 livestock. Brand inspection zones may encompass an area
5 based on multiple contiguous counties or the entire state,
6 as determined by the board. Brand inspection zones shall be
7 reviewed and reauthorized annually by the board and shall
8 be in effect for a calendar year.

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10 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
11 section, a person, firm, partnership, corporation or
12 association may move livestock to another county in this
13 state in the case of an emergency situation declared or
14 recognized by the board. If a livestock animal is moved
15 under this subsection, the person moving the animal shall
16 notify the board not later than forty-eight (48) hours
17 after the movement has occurred. Prior to moving the
18 livestock back to the original location or to any other
19 location, the person shall obtain an inspection of brands
20 and ownership and the board shall not charge a fee for the
21 inspection. If livestock will be moved across state lines
22 in an emergency situation declared or recognized by the
23 board under this subsection, the person, firm, partnership,
24 corporation or association shall immediately contact the

1 board and follow the direction of the board for inspection
2 of brands and ownership. The board may declare an emergency
3 situation under this subsection at any time it is required
4 for public safety or the safety of livestock. If livestock
5 is moved prior to declaration of an emergency situation by
6 the board, the board may recognize the situation as an
7 emergency situation after the fact if it determines that
8 any movement of livestock was required for public safety or
9 for the safety of livestock.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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