

## 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 or an agent of the board not later than  
17 forty-eight (48) hours after the movement has occurred.  
18 Prior to moving the livestock back to the original location  
19 or to any other location, the person shall obtain an  
20 inspection of brands and ownership and the board shall not  
21 charge a fee for the inspection. If livestock will be moved  
22 across state lines in an emergency situation declared or  
23 recognized by the board under this subsection, the person,  
24 firm, partnership, corporation or association shall

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