

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0174

Game road kill.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clem, Allen, Biteman, Blake, Brown, Freeman, Gray, Lindholm, Steinmetz and Zwonitzer and Senator(s) Driskill, Emerich and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing rules to
2 provide for the collection of road killed animals;
3 providing restrictions; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-310 is created to read:

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10 **23-3-310. Possession of road killed wildlife.**

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12 (a) The commission shall, in consultation with the
13 state transportation commission, adopt rules to establish a
14 program whereby any person desiring to possess wildlife

1 killed as a result of motor vehicle collisions on any
2 public road or highway in the state of Wyoming is permitted
3 to do so, provided that he possesses one (1) of the
4 following:

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6 (i) A letter of prior authorization from the
7 department. Letters of prior authorization may be available
8 through the director to any person or entity which commits
9 to putting road killed wildlife carcasses to a beneficial
10 use;

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12 (ii) A valid scientific or educational
13 collecting permit for the specific species issued pursuant
14 to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xiii); or

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16 (iii) A donation certificate or Wyoming
17 interstate game tag issued by the department, including a
18 certificate or tag issued through electronic licensing. A
19 person desiring to possess a road killed animal shall
20 contact the department before taking possession of an
21 animal to obtain a donation certificate. The rules may
22 provide that a person requesting the donation certificate
23 may have to present the animal for inspection to verify its

1 possession meets the criteria of the regulation. The rules
2 may also provide for obtaining a donation certificate after
3 the person takes possession of the animal.

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5 (b) None of the provisions of this section shall
6 apply to bighorn sheep, gray wolves within any area of the
7 state where gray wolves are classified as trophy game
8 animals, grizzly bears, mountain goats, wildlife species
9 covered under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act,
10 federal threatened or endangered species or those species
11 whose possession is prohibited by federal or state statute
12 or regulation.

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14 (c) Nothing in this section shall authorize the
15 possession of any illegally taken wildlife or wildlife
16 found dead due to causes other than motor vehicle
17 collisions.

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19 (d) The commission may through rule require any
20 antlers or horns, with skull plate intact, taken pursuant
21 to this section to be properly tagged with a Wyoming
22 interstate game tag.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-3-106(a)(i), (ii) and by creating
2 a new paragraph (iii) is amended to read:

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4 **23-3-106. Wyoming game and Wyoming interstate game**
5 **tags; when required.**

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7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this
8 section and W.S. 23-2-302(e), no person shall ship,
9 transport, or receive for shipment or transportation within
10 Wyoming, any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof,
11 unless tagged with a Wyoming game tag or Wyoming interstate
12 game tag, or unless:

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14 (i) The transportation is by a person
15 accompanying the carcass of a big or trophy game animal who
16 is in possession of a proper coupon;~~or~~

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18 (ii) The transportation is by a properly
19 licensed bird or small game hunter in possession of not
20 more than his daily bag or possession limit;~~or~~ or

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22 (iii) The transportation is by a person
23 possessing authorization pursuant to W.S. 23-3-310 except

1 an interstate game tag may by rule be required as provided
2 in W.S. 23-3-310(d).

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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