ENROLLED ACT NO. 37, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for civil penalties for illegal stocking of fish; providing exceptions; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 23-4-101 is amended to read:

## 23-4-101. Fish stocking in waters without consent prohibited; penalties.

- (a) No person shall plant or release any fish or fish eggs in any public waters of Wyoming without the consent and under the supervision of the department or its authorized personnel.
- (b) The escape of lawfully stocked fish or fish eggs does not constitute a violation of this section.
- (c) Violation of this section constitutes a high misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii).
- (d) The court may, in its discretion, revoke any license issued under this act to any person convicted of a violation of this section, for the remainder of the year in which the conviction occurs, and may suspend the person's privilege to purchase or receive any other license under this act or to take any wildlife for a period of time up to and including lifetime revocation.
- (e) In addition to any other criminal penalty provided in this act, any person who violates this section may be assessed civil penalties in an amount not to exceed the costs incurred by the commission in removing the fish or fish eggs from the waters affected by the violation. The

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commission may bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for civil penalties or injunctive relief.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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Speaker of the House		President of	the Senate
Governor			
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I hereby certify that	this act or	riginated in the	Senate.
Chief Clerk	<u> </u>		