

SENATE FILE NO. SF0133

Livestock inspectors-search warrants.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill and Hines and
Representative(s) Barlow, Semlek and Sommers

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to livestock; requiring notification after
2 inspection of brands as specified; providing for a search
3 warrant before seizure of livestock as specified; providing
4 for consent to search; and providing for an effective 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. 11-20-214(a) and 11-21-103(c) and by
9 creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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11 **11-20-214. Brand inspector may inspect; voluntary**
12 **inspections.**

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14 (a) A brand inspector may inspect livestock being
15 transported, trailed, pastured or confined at his
16 discretion, to determine ownership, without an inspection

1 fee. If a brand inspector enters private land pursuant to
2 this section, the brand inspector shall notify the
3 landowner and the lessee of land, if known, of the entry
4 within forty-eight (48) hours after the entry has occurred.

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6 **11-21-103. Peace officer authorized to stop and**
7 **inspect carrier; search with or without warrant; seizure of**
8 **animals unlawfully taken.**

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10 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this
11 section, any inspector, game warden or peace officer of the
12 county or state of Wyoming may seize and take into custody
13 any animals, poultry or carcasses thereof which have been
14 unlawfully taken, unlawfully transported or which are
15 unlawfully in possession.

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17 (d) Any inspector, game warden or peace officer of
18 the county or state of Wyoming shall obtain a search
19 warrant prior to seizing and taking into custody any
20 livestock which are unlawfully in possession when the
21 livestock are located in open pastures on private or leased
22 lands. If the person in charge of the property where the
23 livestock are located consents in writing to a search of
24 the conveyance or property without a warrant, the search

1 shall be made by the officer in the presence of the person
2 as soon as the consent is obtained.

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

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