

WORKING DRAFT

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Registration of livestock dealers.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, Public Lands and Water
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture and animals; providing for
2 the registration of livestock dealers; providing for
3 enforcement; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-22-118 is created to read:

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9 **11-22-118. Registration of livestock dealers;**
10 **records.**

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12 (a) Livestock dealers shall be registered with
13 the board. Registration shall include the livestock
14 dealer's address, phone number and premise identification
15 number if available of their place of business.

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2 (b) A livestock dealer shall maintain records as
3 required by the board.

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5 (c) After giving due notice and opportunity for
6 hearing, the board shall have the authority to deny an
7 application for registration or to suspend or cancel the
8 registration of a livestock dealer if:

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10 (i) There is adequate evidence to establish
11 the livestock dealer had intent to violate or circumvent
12 the record keeping requirements of this section or other
13 animal health regulations; or

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15 (ii) The livestock dealer has repeatedly
16 demonstrated an unwillingness to keep records as required
17 by the board.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-22-101 is amended to read:

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21 **11-22-101. Definitions; exceptions to provisions.**

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23 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (iii) "Livestock dealer" means:

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3 (A) Any person engaged in the business of
4 buying or selling livestock in commerce, either for his own
5 account or as an employee or agent of the seller or buyer;
6 or

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8 (B) Any person who engages in the business
9 of buying or selling livestock in commerce on a commission
10 basis.

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12 (iv) "Livestock dealer" does not include any
13 person who buys or sells livestock as part of his own bona
14 fide breeding, feeding, dairy, meat or wool production
15 operation.

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17 ~~(iii)~~ (v) "Livestock market" means a place
18 operated for profit as a public market, consisting of pens
19 or enclosures and their appurtenances, in which livestock
20 are received, held for sale, sold or offered for sale at
21 either public auction or private sale, except that this act
22 does not apply to:

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1 (A) Any place used solely for a dispersal
2 sale of the livestock of a farmer, dairyman, livestock
3 breeder or feeder who is discontinuing business;

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5 ~~(B) The premises of any butcher, packer or~~
6 ~~processor who receives animals exclusively for immediate~~
7 ~~slaughter;~~

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9 (C) Any place where an association of
10 breeders of livestock assembles, offers for sale and sells
11 under its own management registered livestock or breeding
12 sires, if the association assumes all responsibility of the
13 sale and guarantees title to the livestock and arranges for
14 the proper inspection of all animals sold.

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16 ~~(iv)~~ (vi) "This act" means W.S. 11-22-101
17 through ~~11-22-118~~ 11-22-119.

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19 **Section 3.** W.S. 11-22-118 is amended and renumbered
20 as 11-22-119 to read:

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22 ~~11-22-118~~ 11-22-119. **Penalty.**

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1 Any person who violates W.S. 11-22-101 through ~~11-22-117~~
2 11-22-118 or any rule or regulation adopted by the board
3 pursuant to this act shall be punished as provided in W.S.
4 11-1-103.

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

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