

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0120

Trapping of animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Diercks and Senator(s) Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing property
2 owners and their agents to inspect traps and release
3 animals; prohibiting acts interfering with lawful trapping;
4 providing a penalty; 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. 23-2-303(e) and by creating a new
9 subsection (f) is amended to read:

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11 **23-2-303. Trapping licenses; tagging; traps and**
12 **snare; penalty; confiscation; inspection; interference**
13 **with trapping.**

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15 (e) Any trap or snare found in the field not bearing
16 the name and address of the owner of the trap or snare or

1 the identification number assigned by the department to the
2 owner of the trap or snare may be confiscated by any
3 employee of the department. Any landowner or his agent may
4 inspect any trap or snare set on his property and may
5 remove the trap or snare and release or remove from the
6 trap or snare any wildlife which has not been taken
7 lawfully. The landowner or his agent shall immediately
8 notify the department of any such wildlife, excluding
9 predatory animals, prior to removing the wildlife from a
10 trap or snare.

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12 (f) A violation of this subsection constitutes a 7th
13 degree misdemeanor as specified under W.S.
14 23-6-202(a)(vii). Except as otherwise provided in this
15 section, no person shall intentionally:

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17 (i) Tamper with or remove a trap or snare set
18 and maintained in compliance with this act; or

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20 (ii) Release or remove a furbearer or predator
21 from a trap or snare set and maintained in compliance with
22 this act.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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