

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0043

Livestock diseases.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to contagious and infectious diseases;
2 providing for sale of cattle or domestic bison infected
3 with or exposed to brucellosis; amending the payment for
4 the slaughter of livestock affected with tuberculosis;
5 providing for brucellosis testing and surveillance as
6 specified; providing a penalty; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-19-406 is created to read:

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13 **11-19-406. Sale of diseased cattle or domestic bison.**

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15 All cattle or domestic bison in Wyoming lawfully found to
16 be affected with brucellosis, including all sexually intact

1 cattle or domestic bison that are part of a herd found to
2 be affected with brucellosis, may be shipped or transported
3 under the direction of the state veterinarian to livestock
4 markets and sold for immediate slaughter or transferred to
5 an approved slaughter facility or veterinary diagnostic
6 laboratory in accordance with federal regulations. Prior
7 to directing that any cattle or bison that are part of an
8 infected herd be sold under this section, the state
9 veterinarian shall ascertain that sufficient funds are
10 available from either federal or state sources to ensure
11 that the owner of the condemned cattle or domestic bison
12 will be paid the difference between the market value at the
13 time of quarantine and the amount received for the sale,
14 less any amount of reimbursement provided for and paid
15 under federal law or regulation, the cost of shipping or
16 transportation and commission charges. Payments under this
17 section shall not be made by the state for any sexually
18 intact female cattle or bison which are over twelve (12)
19 months old and which are not official calfhood vaccinates
20 as provided in board rule and regulation.

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22 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-19-214 and 11-19-405 by creating
23 new subsections (c) through (f) are amended to read:

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1 **11-19-214. Sale of diseased livestock.**

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3 All ~~cattle~~livestock in Wyoming lawfully found to be
4 affected with ~~either tuberculosis or Bang's disease~~ may be
5 shipped or transported under the direction of the state
6 veterinarian in accordance with federal regulations, to
7 livestock markets and there sold for salvage and destroyed
8 or transferred to an approved slaughter facility or
9 veterinary diagnostic laboratory in accordance with federal
10 regulations. Prior to directing that any affected
11 livestock be sold under this section, the state
12 veterinarian shall ascertain that sufficient funds are
13 available from either federal or state sources to ensure
14 that the owner of condemned ~~cattle shall receive the entire~~
15 ~~proceeds for such sale less~~ livestock will be paid the
16 difference between the market value at the time of
17 quarantine and the amount received for the sale, less any
18 amount of reimbursement provided for and paid under federal
19 law or regulation, the cost of shipping or transportation
20 and commission charges. ~~If the net salvage obtained from~~
21 ~~the cattle does not equal their assessed valuation for the~~
22 ~~year preceding the date of condemnation and shipping, the~~
23 ~~difference between the sale monies and the assessed~~

1 ~~valuation shall be paid to the owner of the cattle from an~~
2 ~~appropriation for that purpose.~~

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4 **11-19-405. Control of brucellosis; governor**
5 **authorized to negotiate with federal agencies.**

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7 (c) In the event of a confirmed outbreak of
8 brucellosis, the governor may authorize the state
9 veterinarian, with the approval of the Wyoming livestock
10 board, to require brucellosis testing of all test eligible
11 bovine or domestic bison at the farm or ranch of origin or
12 any licensed Wyoming livestock market prior to a change of
13 ownership for a period of up to eighteen (18) months. At
14 the end of the required testing period, the state
15 veterinarian shall review the testing requirement and may
16 reimpose brucellosis testing for one (1) or more successive
17 periods under this subsection if there is deemed by the
18 state veterinarian to be a threat to Wyoming's brucellosis
19 free status or if the state is designated as brucellosis
20 class A or lower status.

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22 (d) The state veterinarian may direct any Wyoming
23 brand inspector to withhold a brand inspection for movement

1 or change of ownership to any person who has not shown
2 evidence of any required brucellosis test.

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4 (e) As part of the state brucellosis surveillance and
5 prevention program, the state veterinarian may require
6 brucellosis testing at any licensed Wyoming livestock
7 market at any time. Failure to comply shall result in a
8 suspension of the livestock market's license.

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10 (f) Any person who violates any provision of this
11 section shall be punished as provided by W.S. 11-1-103.

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13 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
15 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

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