

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0207

Livestock records-confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Philp and Hageman and  
Senator(s) Anderson, J. and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming livestock board; providing  
2 for confidentiality of information obtained for purposes of  
3 a national livestock identification program; providing  
4 penalties for false reporting or refusal to report required  
5 information; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-18-117 is created to read:

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11 **11-18-117. Confidentiality of livestock premises and**  
12 **identification records; penalties.**

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14 (a) All records, data and information collected by  
15 the state, recorded or otherwise, for the purposes of a  
16 national livestock identification program shall be

1 confidential and are not public records for purposes of  
2 W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205. The records, data and  
3 information shall be released only upon order of the  
4 Wyoming livestock board to appropriate governmental  
5 agencies for the purposes of a national livestock  
6 identification program. The board shall not release any  
7 records, data or information to a federal agency until the  
8 agency confirms in writing that it will maintain the  
9 records, data and information as confidential and that they  
10 are not subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act,  
11 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. Upon release by the board of  
12 any information to any other governmental entity, the board  
13 shall notify the person to whom the information refers or  
14 pertains that the release has been made, the name of the  
15 entity to whom the information was released and shall  
16 provide a copy or summary of the information contained in  
17 the release. The records, data and information shall not  
18 be subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in  
19 any civil action.

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21 (b) A person who knowingly provides false information  
22 to the Wyoming livestock board for purposes of a national  
23 livestock identification program shall be guilty of a  
24 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to one thousand

1 dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for up to six (6) months,  
2 or both.

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4 (c) A person who refuses to provide to the livestock  
5 board information that is required under federal law for  
6 purposes of a national livestock identification program  
7 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up  
8 to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for up to  
9 six (6) months, or both.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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