

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0041

Reportable animal disease list.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to contagious and infectious diseases among
2 livestock; providing for the establishment of a reportable
3 animal disease list; providing for confidentiality of
4 information; 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. 11-19-102 is amended to read:

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10 **11-19-102. Duty of public to report diseases to state**
11 **veterinarian; reportable disease list; failure to comply or**
12 **obstruction of duty; penalties.**

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14 (a) Any person or government entity who knows or
15 suspects that there is ~~upon his premises~~ any contagious or
16 infectious disease among ~~domestic~~ animals owned by or under

1 their jurisdiction, shall immediately report the same to
2 the state veterinarian. The state veterinarian shall
3 establish and manage a reportable disease list for any
4 contagious or infectious disease deemed to be a threat to
5 animals. Information collected in response to the
6 reportable disease list shall be considered confidential
7 proprietary information. Access to any information
8 collected under the reportable disease list shall be
9 limited to the person who reported the disease and the
10 state veterinarian. The state veterinarian may at his
11 discretion notify any of the following:

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13 (i) The Wyoming livestock board;

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15 (ii) The state veterinary laboratory;

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17 (iii) The Wyoming game and fish director only if
18 the disease threatens wildlife;

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20 (iv) Any state or federal inspector, public
21 health official or peace officer who is actively involved
22 in the investigation of an outbreak or suspected outbreak
23 of the contagious or infectious disease; or

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1 (v) Owners of possible contact animals.

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3 (b) A failure to report, or any attempt to conceal
4 the existence of the disease or to willfully or maliciously
5 obstruct or resist the veterinarian in the discharge of his
6 duty is a misdemeanor. Any person who willfully or
7 maliciously falsifies a report to the state veterinarian is
8 guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of any of the
9 above acts or omissions shall be punished as provided in
10 W.S. 11-1-103.

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

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17 (END)