

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0011

Dogs chasing wildlife.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; modifying penalties for
2 owners of dogs injuring or threatening big game animals;
3 modifying elements of the offense; and providing for an
4 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. 23-3-109(c) is amended to read:

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10 **23-3-109. Use of dogs; dogs injuring big or trophy**
11 **game animals may be killed; citation of owners of dogs**
12 **harassing game animals; penalties.**

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14 (c) ~~A peace officer may arrest or issue a summons to~~
15 ~~the owner of any~~ It is unlawful for any person to knowingly
16 or negligently allow or direct a dog ~~injuring or~~

1 ~~threatening~~ which he owns or is under his control to harass
2 a big game animal, ~~with immediate injury,~~ whether or not
3 the big game animal is actually injured by the dog, unless
4 the dog was attempting to protect livestock. A ~~first~~
5 conviction under this subsection is punishable by a fine
6 imposed for a low misdemeanor punishable as provided in
7 W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v). ~~A second and each subsequent~~
8 ~~conviction under this subsection is punishable by a fine~~
9 ~~and imprisonment imposed for a low misdemeanor punishable~~
10 ~~as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v).~~

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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