

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0048

Game bird farms raising sage grouse.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Anderson, R.,
Childers, Davison, Jaggi, Petersen and
Thompson and Senator(s) Burns, Coe, Larson,
Massie and Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; requiring a report
2 regarding licensing private game bird farms to raise native
3 sage grouse for release; imposing a moratorium on raising
4 and releasing sage grouse as specified; and providing for
5 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.** The game and fish commission and department
10 shall report to the joint travel, recreation and wildlife
11 interim committee not later than August 31, 2009 regarding
12 the development of commission rules, regulations and
13 procedures pursuant to 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, chapter
14 48, section 2, section 40, footnote 3, to allow private
15 game bird farms in this state to raise native sage grouse

1 for release. The committee shall sponsor legislation in
2 the 2010 budget session as it determines appropriate to
3 address the issue of private game bird farms raising native
4 sage grouse for release. No person licensed to establish,
5 operate or maintain a game bird farm by the game and fish
6 department shall be authorized to raise or release native
7 sage grouse until after April 1, 2010.

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

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