

ENROLLED ACT NO. 10, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to feral livestock; amending a definition; providing for the owner of feral livestock to pay the costs and expenses of feral livestock; providing a penalty; providing a conforming amendment; repealing one definition of livestock; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-1-103, 11-48-101(a)(iii) and 11-48-102(a) and by creating new subsections (g) and (h) are amended to read:

11-1-103. Penalty for violations.

A person who violates any of the following sections commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both for the first offense, or by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), or both for second or subsequent offenses: W.S. 11-6-210(a) or (f), 11-18-112, 11-19-101, 11-19-102, 11-19-111, 11-19-401, 11-20-114, 11-20-117, 11-20-229, 11-20-230, 11-21-104, 11-22-118, 11-23-106, 11-23-207, 11-24-106, ~~and 11-30-114~~ and 11-48-102. A person who violates board rules promulgated pursuant to W.S. 11-18-103(a)(v) shall be subject to the penalties specified in this section.

11-48-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(iii) "Feral" means a domestic animal that is not under the control of nor cared for by a person and

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which has returned to a wild or semi-wild state. A feral animal may or may not be owned by a person;

11-48-102. Disposition of feral livestock; penalty.

(a) Before any livestock can be declared feral, a reasonable attempt shall be made by the director or the state veterinarian to locate and identify the owner of the livestock and to notify the owner to take possession of the livestock. If the owner repeatedly refuses to take possession of the livestock, he shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this section.

(g) The owner of feral livestock shall be:

(i) Responsible for all damages caused by the feral livestock; and

(ii) Responsible for the costs of gathering, feeding, veterinary services, transportation and other incidental expenses relating to the feral livestock incurred by the Wyoming livestock board.

(h) Any person failing to comply with this section shall be punished as provided in W.S. 11-1-103.

Section 2. W.S. 11-48-101(a)(iv) is repealed.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2011.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk