

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0101

Vicious animals-interference with game wardens.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Moniz, Brown, Cannady and
McOmie and Senator(s) Dockstader and
Driskill

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; creating an offense of
2 owning a dog which attacks a game and fish law enforcement
3 officer; providing penalties; 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. 23-3-408 is created to read:

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10 **23-3-408. Interference with game and fish law**
11 **enforcement officer; vicious dogs.**

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13 (a) An owner of a dog that bites or otherwise attacks
14 in a vicious manner a game and fish law enforcement
15 officer, who is discharging his duties on public lands, is
16 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in this

1 section. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under
2 this section that the dog was attempting to protect
3 livestock at the time of the attack.

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5 (b) A first violation of subsection (a) of this
6 section constitutes a low misdemeanor as punishable as
7 provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v). A second or subsequent
8 violation of subsection (a) of this section constitutes a
9 high misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S.
10 23-6-202(a)(ii).

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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