

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0143

Game road kill.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Blake, Davison, Freeman, Gay, Hutchings and Jaggi and Senator(s) Craft and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for rules and
2 regulations to authorize the collection of road killed
3 animals; providing restrictions; 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. 23-3-310 is created to read:

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10 **23-3-310. Possession of road killed wildlife.**

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12 (a) The commission shall, through rule and
13 regulation, establish a program whereby any person desiring
14 to possess wildlife killed as a result of motor vehicle
15 collisions on any public road or highway in the state of

1 Wyoming is permitted to do so, provided that he possesses
2 one (1) of the following:

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4 (i) A letter of prior authorization from the
5 department. Letters of prior authorization may be
6 available through the director to any person or entity
7 which commits to putting road killed wildlife carcasses to
8 a beneficial use;

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10 (ii) A valid scientific or educational
11 collecting permit for the specific species issued pursuant
12 to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xiii); or

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14 (iii) A donation certificate or tag issued by
15 the department. A person desiring to possess a road killed
16 animal shall contact the department before taking
17 possession of an animal to obtain a donation certificate.
18 The rules may provide that a person requesting the donation
19 certificate may have to present the animal for inspection
20 to verify its possession meets the criteria of the
21 regulation. The rules may also provide for obtaining a
22 donation certificate after the person takes possession of
23 the animal.

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1 (b) None of the provisions of this section shall
2 apply to bighorn sheep, gray wolves within any area of the
3 state where gray wolves are classified as trophy game
4 animals, grizzly bears, mountain goats, wildlife species
5 covered under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act,
6 federal threatened or endangered species or those species
7 whose possession is prohibited by federal or state statute
8 or regulation.

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10 (c) Nothing in this section shall authorize the
11 possession of any illegally taken wildlife or wildlife
12 found dead due to causes other than motor vehicle
13 collisions.

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15 (d) Any antlers or horns, with skull plate intact,
16 taken pursuant to this section shall be properly tagged
17 with a Wyoming interstate game tag.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-3-106(a)(i), (ii) and by creating
20 a new paragraph (iii) is amended to read:

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22 **23-3-106. Wyoming game and Wyoming interstate game**
23 **tags; when required.**

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1 (a) No person shall ship, transport, or receive for
2 shipment or transportation within Wyoming, any game animal,
3 game bird, or any part thereof, unless tagged with a
4 Wyoming game tag or Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless:

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6 (i) The transportation is by a person
7 accompanying the carcass of a big or trophy game animal who
8 is in possession of a proper coupon;~~or~~

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10 (ii) The transportation is by a properly
11 licensed bird or small game hunter in possession of not
12 more than his daily bag or possession limit;or

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14 (iii) The transportation is by a person
15 possessing authorization pursuant to W.S. 23-3-310 except
16 an interstate game tag shall be required as provided in
17 W.S. 23-3-310(d).

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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