

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Municipal animal control officers-authority.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to cities and towns; authorizing cities and
2 towns to appoint municipal animal control officers who are
3 not certified as peace officers; authorizing municipal
4 animal control officers to issue citations to persons as
5 specified; conforming provisions; providing limitations;
6 providing a definition; and providing for an effective
7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-2-103 by creating a new subsection
12 (e) and 15-1-103(a) by creating a new paragraph (xlx) is
13 amended to read:

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15 **7-2-103. Issuance of citations.**

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2 (e) For purposes of this section, "issuing officer"
3 means a peace officer, or a municipal animal control
4 officer acting in accordance with the terms of his
5 appointment under W.S. 15-1-103(a) (x1x).

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7 **15-1-103. General powers of governing bodies.**

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9 (a) The governing bodies of all cities and towns may:

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11 (x1x) Appoint municipal animal control officers
12 who are not certified as peace officers to issue citations
13 to individuals while enforcing ordinances, resolutions and
14 regulations adopted under paragraph (xiv) of this
15 subsection or other municipal animal control ordinances
16 adopted for the purposes of protecting public health and
17 safety, advancing the humane and safe treatment of animals
18 or mitigating public nuisances caused by animals.
19 Municipal animal control officers are not law enforcement
20 officers for purposes of employee benefits provided in
21 Title 9 of Wyoming statutes.

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23 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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