

SENATE FILE NO. SF0087

Wolf brucellosis testing.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Jennings and Representative(s)
Childers

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for collection
2 of blood and tissue samples from gray wolves; providing for
3 testing of collected samples to discern the prevalence of
4 brucella abortis in the wolf population; providing an
5 appropriation; requiring a report; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) From July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010, the game
13 and fish commission is directed to obtain blood samples and
14 tissue cultures of lymph nodes, reproductive and waste
15 systems from any gray wolf killed, sedated or found
16 deceased within Wyoming. The game and fish department is

1 directed to study the blood samples and tissue cultures to
2 determine the prevalence of brucella abortis among the wolf
3 population in Wyoming.

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5 (b) From July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010, the game
6 and fish commission may study Wyoming wolves held in
7 captivity to determine if the Wyoming wolf has the ability
8 to contract, carry and transmit brucella abortis.

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10 (c) The game and fish commission is directed to
11 negotiate and authorized to enter into a memorandum of
12 understanding with the United States fish and wildlife
13 service that will facilitate the collection of samples from
14 wolves in Wyoming required under subsection (a) of this
15 section. The memorandum of understanding shall include the
16 permission and procedures required to provide for the study
17 required under subsection (b) of this section.

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19 (d) There is appropriated one hundred thousand
20 dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the game and
21 fish commission. This appropriation shall be for the
22 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
23 ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be
24 expended for the purpose of funding the sample collection,

1 testing and study required under subsections (a) and (b) of
2 this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
3 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
4 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
5 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
6 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall not be
7 included in the commission's 2011-2012 standard biennial
8 budget request.

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10 (e) By June, 30, 2010, the commission shall report to
11 the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural
12 resources interim committee regarding the results of the
13 sample collection, testing and study required under
14 subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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18 (END)