

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0102

Livestock and brands.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Anderson, R. and Teeters
and Senator(s) Johnson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to livestock; removing goats, llamas and
2 alpacas from brand inspection fees and from the definition
3 of livestock for certain purposes; providing for voluntary
4 payment of predator management fees as provided; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-210(a) and (f), 11-20-101(a)(iv)
10 and 11-20-401(a)(ii) are amended to read:

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12 **11-6-210. Creation of predator management district**
13 **fund; predator management fees; donations; appropriation by**
14 **county commissioners.**

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1 (a) At the time of collecting brand inspection fees
2 imposed under W.S. 11-20-401 and 11-20-402, the brand
3 inspector shall collect predator management fees on all
4 sheep, ~~goats~~ and cattle inspected within each predator
5 management district. However, predator management fees
6 shall not be collected on cattle, and sheep ~~and goats~~
7 shipped into this state for immediate sale or slaughter. A
8 goat owner shall pay the predator management fees on all
9 his goats before he can participate as a livestock owner at
10 an annual predator management meeting or as a predator
11 management district board member. The goat owner shall
12 include a written verification identifying the number of
13 goats on a form approved by the livestock board and the
14 animal damage management board when he submits the predator
15 management fees to the livestock board. The amount of the
16 fee for each predator management district shall be
17 established by each predator management district board in
18 consultation with the state predator management advisory
19 board and shall not exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per head on
20 sheep, goats and cattle. The directors elected pursuant to
21 W.S. 11-6-202(a)(i) and (ii) from each predator management
22 district board shall annually determine the predator
23 management fee to be charged and collected in the district
24 taking into consideration comments solicited from the

1 producers present at the district's annual meeting as
2 provided for in W.S. 11-6-203, who have paid predator
3 management fees within the district during the preceding
4 twelve (12) months and shall inform the livestock board of
5 the fee prior to January 1 each year. The fee shall not be
6 collected on the same livestock more than once in any
7 twelve (12) month period. The livestock board may retain
8 not to exceed five percent (5%) of the revenues collected
9 for the actual cost of collecting the predator management
10 fee. Remaining revenues collected by the livestock board
11 under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer
12 for deposit in an account. The state treasurer, on a
13 quarterly basis, shall distribute the revenues to the
14 county treasurer of the county from which the shipment
15 originated unless, at the time of payment of the fees, the
16 livestock owner designates the fees to be distributed in
17 total to another county in this state in which the
18 livestock are fed or pastured. The county treasurer shall
19 deposit revenues distributed under this subsection into a
20 special continuing fund, to be known as the "Predator
21 Management District Fund of County" and to be
22 administered by the predator management board of that
23 district.

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1 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
2 the amount of the annual predator management fee for sheep,
3 ~~goats~~ and cattle shipped into this state for confinement in
4 a commercial feedlot shall not exceed twenty-five cents
5 (\$0.25) per head on sheep, ~~goats~~ and cattle. For purposes
6 of this subsection, "commercial feedlot" means any place,
7 establishment or facility commonly known as a feedlot
8 conducted, operated or managed for profit or nonprofit for
9 livestock producers, feeders or market agencies, consisting
10 of pens and their appurtenances, in which livestock are
11 received, held, fed, cared for or kept for sale or shipment
12 in commerce. A pasture, field or other enclosure, fenced
13 or unfenced, shall not be considered a commercial feedlot
14 for purposes of this subsection. The predator management
15 district board shall have the authority to determine if a
16 facility qualifies as a commercial feedlot as defined in
17 this subsection.

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19 **11-20-101. Definitions.**

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21 (a) As used in this act:

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23 (iv) "Livestock" means cattle, horses, mules,
24 asses, and sheep, ~~goats, llamas and alpacas.~~ The board

1 acting in conjunction with the game and fish commission may
2 designate individual bison or identifiable herds of bison
3 as wildlife;

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5 **11-20-401. Brand inspection fees generally.**

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7 (a) Except as otherwise provided, each livestock
8 inspector shall at the time of inspecting for brands and
9 ownership collect inspection fees in an amount established
10 by the livestock board but not less than:

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12 (ii) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per head on all
13 sheep, ~~goats, llamas and alpacas,~~ including any hide or
14 carcass;

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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21 (END)