

SENATE FILE NO. SF0078

Illegal fish stocking.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Burns and Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for civil
2 penalties for illegal stocking of fish; and providing for
3 an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-4-101 is amended to read:

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9 **23-4-101. Fish stocking in waters without consent**
10 **prohibited; penalties.**

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12 (a) No person shall plant or release any fish or fish
13 eggs in any public waters of Wyoming without the consent
14 and under the supervision of the department or its
15 authorized personnel.

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1 (b) Violation of this section constitutes a high
2 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii).

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4 (c) The court may, in its discretion, revoke any
5 license issued under this act to any person convicted of a
6 violation of this section, for the remainder of the year in
7 which the conviction occurs, and may suspend the person's
8 privilege to purchase or receive any other license under
9 this act or to take any wildlife for a period of time up to
10 and including lifetime revocation.

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12 (d) In addition to any other criminal penalty
13 provided in this act, any person who violates subsection
14 (a) of this section may be assessed civil penalties in an
15 amount not to exceed the costs incurred by the commission
16 in removing the fish or fish eggs from the waters affected
17 by the violation. The commission may bring a civil action
18 in any court of competent jurisdiction for civil penalties
19 or injunctive relief.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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23 (END)