

SENATE FILE NO. SF0071

Aquatic invasive species.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Christensen, Anderson, Cooper, Dockstader, Driskill, Hines, Johnson and Martin and Representative(s) Blikre, Brown, Byrd, Craft, Lubnau, McOmie, Patton, Roscoe, Vranish and Zwonitzer, Dn.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to aquatic invasive species; providing for  
2 mandatory inspections of conveyances entering the state as  
3 specified; providing for rulemaking; providing for  
4 establishment of check stations as specified; providing an  
5 appropriation; authorizing positions; 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.** W.S. 23-4-203 by creating new subsections  
11 (h) and (j) is amended to read:

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13 **23-4-203. Enforcement.**

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1       (h) As provided in this subsection, every conveyance  
2 entering the state by land shall be inspected by an  
3 authorized aquatic invasive species inspector in accordance  
4 with rules established by the commission prior to  
5 contacting or entering the waters of this state. The  
6 commission shall promulgate rules establishing the dates  
7 when such inspections are required and qualifications for  
8 authorized inspectors.

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10       (j) The commission, in coordination with the  
11 department of transportation, the department of state parks  
12 and cultural resources and the department of agriculture,  
13 is authorized to establish and inspect conveyances at  
14 mandatory aquatic invasive species check stations at ports  
15 of entry, other department of transportation facilities  
16 located near the borders of this state that meet  
17 established state and national safety and commerce  
18 requirements for the traveling public or other appropriate  
19 facilities.

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21       **Section 2.**

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23       (a) There is appropriated eight hundred fifty-two  
24 thousand dollars (\$852,000.00) from the general fund to the

1 game and fish department. This appropriation shall be for  
2 the period beginning with the effective date of this act  
3 and ending June 30, 2014. Two hundred eighty-three  
4 thousand dollars (\$283,000.00) is one-time funding and  
5 shall only be expended for supportive services costs. Five  
6 hundred sixty-nine thousand dollars (\$569,000.00) of this  
7 appropriation shall only be expended for the purposes of  
8 this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this  
9 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
10 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
11 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
12 by law on June 30, 2014. Five hundred sixty-nine thousand  
13 dollars (\$569,000.00) of this appropriation shall be  
14 included in the department's 2015-2016 standard biennial  
15 budget request.

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17 (b) There is authorized eighteen (18) at-will  
18 employee contract positions to the game and fish department  
19 for purposes of fulfilling the requirements of this act.

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21 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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(END)