

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0134

Chicken Freedom Act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Blake, Gray, Hunt, Kinner, Kirkbride and Lindholm and Senator(s) Driskill and Moniz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to poultry; prohibiting a political
2 subdivision from imposing specified restrictions relating
3 to live chickens; providing for retroactive application of
4 this act; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-32-105 is created to read:

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10 **11-32-105. Chicken Freedom Act; prohibition on**
11 **certain restrictions relating to live chickens.**

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13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of
14 this section, no city, town, county, special district or
15 other political subdivision shall adopt any ordinance,

1 bylaw or other regulation which prohibits a person from
2 raising or keeping six (6) or fewer live chickens within
3 the boundaries of the political subdivision.

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5 (b) A city, town, county, special district or other
6 political subdivision may impose any of the following
7 restrictions on the raising or keeping of live chickens:

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9 (i) A restriction on the number of live chickens
10 that a person may raise or keep in excess of six (6) live
11 chickens;

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13 (ii) A prohibition on raising or keeping poultry
14 other than live chickens;

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16 (iii) A prohibition on raising or keeping
17 roosters;

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19 (iv) A minimum distance which must be maintained
20 between a chicken coop and a residential structure;

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1 (v) Any other restriction which does not unduly
2 burden the right of a person to raise and keep six (6) or
3 fewer live chickens.

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5 (c) An ordinance, bylaw or other regulation adopted
6 in violation of this section is void.

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8 (d) This section may be cited as the "Chicken Freedom
9 Act".

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11 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-32-101(a)(intro) is amended to
12 read:

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14 **11-32-101. Definitions.**

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16 (a) As used in ~~this act~~ W.S. 11-32-101 through
17 11-32-105:

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19 **Section 3.** Section 1 of this act shall apply
20 retroactively to any ordinance, bylaw or other regulation
21 adopted before the effective date of this act.

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

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