

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0002

Regulation of hunting methods.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing rulemaking
2 authority for the regulation of methods of taking wildlife;
3 providing a sunset date for the rulemaking authority; and
4 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. 23-1-302(a) by creating a new paragraph
9 (xxxii) is amended to read:

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11 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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13 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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1 (xxxii) Subject to the limitations imposed in this
2 paragraph, to regulate and control by rule the methods of
3 taking wildlife including regulating, limiting or prohibiting
4 the use of hunting technologies that significantly impact
5 fair chase. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply
6 to the taking of predatory animals as defined in W.S.
7 23-1-101(a)(viii). This paragraph is repealed effective June
8 30, 2025. Prior to promulgating any rule under this paragraph,
9 the commission shall present the proposed rule to the joint
10 travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim
11 committee at a public meeting. Rules promulgated under this
12 paragraph shall only apply to:

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14 (A) Thermal or infrared imaging or other
15 imaging outside the normal visible light spectrum;

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17 (B) Real time video photography equipment or
18 video imaging viewable remotely; or

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20 (C) Persons selling on the internet for
21 remuneration the location and identification information of
22 an individual big game animal located using a GPS device.
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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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3 (END)