

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0235

Care of animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Brown, Furphy,
Paxton and Yin

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to animals; modifying provisions governing
2 the treatment of animals; modifying penalties; modifying
3 provisions governing the practice of veterinary medicine;
4 authorizing conditions a court may require as part of an order
5 of protection in a domestic abuse case related to animal
6 protection; and providing for an 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. 6-3-203(c)(ii), (iv) through (vii), by
11 creating a new paragraph (viii), (e), (g) and (h),
12 33-30-202(a) by creating a new paragraph (xii),
13 33-30-204(m)(xii) and by creating a new paragraph (xv),
14 33-30-224(a) by creating a new paragraph (vi) and

1 35-21-105(a) by creating new paragraphs (ix) and (x) are
2 amended to read:

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4 **6-3-203. Cruelty to animals; penalties; limitation on**
5 **manner of destruction.**

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7 (c) A person commits aggravated cruelty to animals if
8 he:

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10 (ii) Owns, possesses, keeps or trains ~~fowls or~~
11 ~~dogs~~ an animal with the intent to allow the ~~dog or fowl~~ animal
12 to engage in an exhibition of fighting with another ~~dog or~~
13 ~~fowl~~ animal;

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15 (iv) For gain causes or allows any ~~dog or fowl~~
16 animal to fight with another ~~dog or fowl~~ animal;

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18 (v) Knowingly permits any act prohibited under
19 ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (ii) or (iv) of this subsection on any
20 premises under his charge or control;

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22 (vi) Promotes any act prohibited under ~~paragraphs~~
23 paragraph (ii) or (iv) of this subsection; ~~or~~

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2 (vii) Shoots, poisons or otherwise intentionally
3 acts to seriously injure or destroy any livestock or
4 domesticated animal owned by another person while the animal
5 is on property where the animal is authorized to be present ~~i-~~
6 or

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8 (viii) Unnecessarily or cruelly beats, tortures,
9 torments, poisons, injures, mutilates or attempts to kill an
10 animal.

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12 (e) Unless punishable under subsection (n) of this
13 section, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor
14 punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months,
15 a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00),
16 or both except that a subsequent offense is a ~~high misdemeanor~~
17 felony punishable by not more than ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years
18 imprisonment, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars
19 (\$5,000.00), or both.

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21 (g) A person commits cruelty to animals if he is
22 knowingly present at any place where an exhibition of animal
23 fighting ~~of fowls or dogs~~ is occurring for amusement or gain.

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2 (h) If a person convicted of a violation of this section
3 is also the owner of the animal, the court ~~may~~shall require
4 the person to forfeit ownership of the animal to the county
5 in which the person is convicted. This subsection shall not
6 affect the interest of any secured party or other person who
7 has not participated in the offense.

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9 **33-30-202. Definitions.**

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11 (a) When used in this act, these words and phrases,
12 unless the context otherwise indicates, shall be defined as
13 follows:

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15 (xii) "This act" means W.S. 33-30-201 through
16 33-30-225.

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18 **33-30-204. Board of veterinary medicine.**

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20 (m) The board is empowered to:

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22 (xii) Adopt, amend, or repeal all rules necessary
23 for its government and all regulations necessary to carry

1 into effect the provision of this act including the
2 establishment and publication of standards of professional
3 conduct for the practice of veterinary medicine and animal
4 euthanasia;

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6 (xv) Regulate animal euthanasia technicians and
7 the practice of animal euthanasia by establishing standards
8 of practice and by issuing certificates to persons found
9 qualified by the board pursuant to W.S. 33-30-224.

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11 **33-30-224. Requirements for certification.**

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13 (a) The board may issue a certificate as an animal
14 euthanasia technician to any applicant who files an
15 application upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the
16 board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes
17 satisfactory evidence to the board of the following:

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19 (vi) The applicant meets other standards or
20 possesses other qualifications deemed necessary by the board.

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22 **35-21-105. Order of protection; contents; remedies;**
23 **order not to affect title to property; conditions.**

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2 (a) Upon finding that an act of domestic abuse has
3 occurred, the court shall enter an order of protection
4 ordering the respondent household member to refrain from
5 abusing the petitioner or any other household member. The
6 order shall specifically describe the behavior that the court
7 has ordered the respondent to do or refrain from doing. As a
8 part of any order of protection, the court may:

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10 (ix) Grant sole possession of any household pet,
11 as defined in W.S. 6-3-203(o), owned, possessed or kept by
12 the petitioner, the respondent or a minor child residing in
13 the residence or household of either the petitioner or the
14 respondent to the petitioner during the period the order of
15 protection is effective if the order is for the purpose of
16 protecting the household pet;

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18 (x) Order that the respondent shall not have
19 contact with any household pet, as defined in W.S. 6-3-203(o),
20 in the custody of the petitioner and prohibit the respondent
21 from abducting, removing, concealing or disposing of the
22 household pet if the order is for the purpose of protecting
23 the household pet.

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Section 2. W.S. 6-3-203(a)(ii) is repealed.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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