

SENATE FILE NO. SF0041

Animal damage management funding.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to wildlife; increasing the request for
2 funding for animal damage management from the game and fish
3 commission; requiring the game and fish commission to
4 recommend expenditures; clarifying who can request funding;
5 establishing a fee for animal damage management funding;
6 repealing provisions related to the wildlife damage
7 management stamp; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-202(a)(v), 11-6-307,
12 11-6-309(a), 23-1-302(j) and 23-2-101 by creating a new
13 subsection (p) are amended to read:

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1 11-6-202. Administration of districts by district
2 boards; number and qualifications of members; term; filling
3 of vacancies; removal.

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5 (a) The affairs of each district shall be
6 administered by a board of directors, each of whom shall be
7 a bona fide resident of Wyoming. Directors for the
8 positions identified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this
9 subsection shall be elected at an annual meeting of
10 district livestock owners. Directors for the positions
11 identified in paragraphs (iv) and (v) of this subsection
12 shall be appointed as described. The composition of the
13 board shall be as follows:

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15 (v) If the board of directors determines state
16 funds are necessary for an effective predator management
17 program to assure the statutory requirements provided in
18 W.S. 11-6-205 are fulfilled and state funds are
19 appropriated and received for that purpose, then three (3)
20 directors representing sportsmen and hunters from the
21 district shall be appointed to the board of directors by
22 the county commissioners serving the local district.
23 Sportsmen and hunter representatives shall be bona fide

1 residents of the district not engaged in raising sheep or
2 cattle and shall hold or have held ~~either~~ a valid Wyoming
3 fishing or hunting license ~~or a Wyoming wildlife damage~~
4 ~~management stamp~~ within the preceding twelve (12) month
5 period. County commissioners, to the greatest extent
6 practical, shall select sportsmen and hunter
7 representatives to ensure representation from as broad a
8 geographic distribution of the district as possible. The
9 county commissioners shall determine who of the three (3)
10 sportsmen and hunter directors appointed to a board under
11 this paragraph shall serve an initial term of one (1) year,
12 who shall serve an initial term of (2) years and who shall
13 serve a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, each term
14 shall be for three (3) years.

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16 **11-6-307. Board to request funding from game and fish**
17 **commission.**

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19 The board shall annually request ~~one hundred thousand~~
20 ~~dollars~~ ~~(\$100,000.00)~~ two hundred thousand dollars
21 (\$200,000.00) from the Wyoming game and fish commission.
22 These funds shall be expended for wildlife priorities. The
23 game and fish commission ~~may~~ shall provide recommendations

1 to the board regarding expenditure of these funds. Priority
2 shall be given to projects that directly involve predator
3 control that will have the greatest benefit to wildlife or
4 will reduce the cost to the department for animal damage
5 payments.

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7 **11-6-309. Predator management district participation**
8 **with the ADMB.**

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10 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
11 section, if the predator management district has elected to
12 participate in providing funding or upon approval of the
13 ADMB, other in-kind resources, to the animal damage
14 management account, the district may solicit funds or
15 receive services from the ADMB under separate negotiated
16 agreement. Two (2) or more districts may jointly solicit
17 funds or receive services from the ADMB for purposes of
18 this section.

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20 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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22 (j) For the purpose of attaining and maintaining
23 wildlife management objectives, the commission may

1 designate funds not to exceed four percent (4%) of all
2 license fees under this title annually plus any amount
3 collected under W.S. 23-2-101(p) to be used for management
4 and control of predator populations.

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6 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
7 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
8 **required.**

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10 (p) In addition to other fees under this section,
11 persons applying for a license or tag under this section
12 may pay a voluntary fee of two dollars (\$2.00) or any
13 greater amount to fund predator control activities in the
14 state. The department shall provide information on the
15 license or tag application form that the applicant may pay
16 the fee under this subsection. Any voluntary fees collected
17 pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in a
18 separate account within the game and fish fund and shall
19 only be expended as determined by the commission for
20 management and control of predator populations and
21 depredating animals. The commission may consider projects
22 that mitigate damage caused to livestock, wildlife and
23 crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and

1 depredating animals or for the protection of human health
2 and safety and may also use these funds for the purposes
3 specified in W.S. 11-6-307 and 23-1-901. As used in this
4 subsection, "depredating animal" means any trophy game
5 animal or furbearing animal that causes damage.

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7 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-6-305(a) and (b) is repealed.

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9 **Section 3.** This act is effective January 1, 2021.

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