

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0041

ENROLLED ACT NO. 11, SENATE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2020 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

(v) If the board of directors determines state funds are necessary for an effective predator management program to assure the statutory requirements provided in W.S. 11-6-205 are fulfilled and state funds are appropriated and received for that purpose, then three (3) directors representing sportsmen and hunters from the

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

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

The board shall annually request ~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)~~ two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Wyoming game and fish commission. These funds shall be expended for wildlife priorities. The game and fish commission ~~may~~ shall provide recommendations to the board regarding expenditure of these funds. Priority shall be given to projects that directly involve predator control that will have the greatest benefit to wildlife or will reduce the cost to the department for animal damage payments.

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

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

23-1-302. Powers and duties.

(j) For the purpose of attaining and maintaining wildlife management objectives, the commission may designate funds not to exceed four percent (4%) of all license fees under this title annually plus any amount collected under W.S. 23-2-101(p) to be used for management and control of predator populations.

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

(p) In addition to other fees under this section, persons applying for a license or tag under this section may pay a voluntary fee of two dollars (\$2.00) or any greater amount to fund predator control activities in the state. The department shall provide information on the license or tag application form that the applicant may pay the fee under this subsection. Any voluntary fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in a separate account within the game and fish fund and shall only be expended as determined by the commission for management and control of predator populations and depredating animals. The commission may consider projects

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that mitigate damage caused to livestock, wildlife and crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and depredating animals or for the protection of human health and safety and may also use these funds for the purposes specified in W.S. 11-6-307 and 23-1-901. As used in this subsection, "depredating animal" means any trophy game animal or furbearing animal that causes damage.

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk