

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0104

Hunting of predatory animals-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Haroldson, Allemand, Angelos, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Locke, Niemiec, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Slagle, Strock, Tarver, Ward, Western, Winter, Wylie and Zwonitzer, Dn and Senator(s) Boner, Driskill, Ellis, Ide, Landen, Laursen, D and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; allowing for the use of
2 artificial light including thermal or infrared imaging or
3 other imaging outside the normal visible light spectrum
4 while hunting predatory animals at night; making conforming
5 amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing for
6 effective dates.

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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. 23-3-103(a) and 23-3-306(b)(intro),
11 (ii), by creating a new paragraph (iii) and by creating a
12 new subsection (h) are amended to read:

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1 **23-3-103. Taking predatory animals, predacious birds**
2 **and trophy animals; taking furbearing animals and game**
3 **birds without license prohibited.**

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5 (a) Predatory animals and predacious birds may be
6 taken without a license in any manner and at any time
7 except as provided by W.S. 23-2-303(d) and (e), 23-3-112,
8 23-3-304(b), 23-3-305, 23-3-306(b) and 23-3-307. The
9 department shall report annually to the Wyoming department
10 of agriculture the number of predatory animals and
11 predacious birds taken by the department's animal damage
12 control agents, and include in the report the area where
13 taken and the control method used.

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15 **23-3-306. Use of aircraft, automobiles, motorized and**
16 **snow vehicles and artificial light for hunting or fishing**
17 **prohibited; exceptions; penalties.**

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19 (b) No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of
20 or by using any artificial light or lighting device except
21 as otherwise provided in subsections (f) ~~and (g)~~ through
22 (h) of this section and except that ~~predators~~ predatory
23 animals may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or

1 lighting device including thermal or infrared imaging or
2 other light imaging specified by rule of the commission by:

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4 (ii) A landowner, resident manager, or person
5 with the landowner's or a resident manager's written
6 permission to take ~~predators~~predatory animals, on land
7 under the landowner's control for the protection of his
8 property;-

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10 (iii) Any person taking a predatory animal on
11 public land.

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13 (h) The commission shall establish by rule and
14 regulation specifications for the taking of predatory
15 animals with the use of artificial light or lighting
16 devices including thermal or infrared imaging or other
17 light imaging specified by the commission. Such
18 specifications may include, but are not limited to,
19 creation of zones, areas, valid dates and methods for
20 taking predatory animals with the use of artificial light
21 or lighting devices on public land.

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