



SF0064

**Wyoming Opposes Mandatory Electronic ID
Devices-Livestock.**

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Steinmetz, Brennan, Ide, Kolb and Pearson
and Representative(s) Allemand, Banks, Neiman,
Strock, Williams and Winter

AN ACT relating to agriculture, livestock and other animals; providing policies on identification of livestock for disease traceability; specifying that buyers of livestock in receiving states are responsible for the usage of electronic ear tags; requiring the Wyoming livestock board to inform livestock producers of their livestock identification options; providing legislative findings; and providing for an effective date.

12/27/2024 Bill Number Assigned
1/2/2025 S Received for Introduction
1/16/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S05 - Agriculture
1/23/2025 S05 - Agriculture:Recommend Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Crago, French, Ide, Mckeown, Taliaferro Pearson
Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/23/2025 S Placed on General File

SF0064SW001/ADOPTED

Page 5-line 14 Delete "state veterinarian and local veterinarians" and insert "Wyoming livestock board". STEINMETZ

1/30/2025 S COW:Passed
1/31/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0064S3001/ADOPTED

Page 5-after line 23 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a Wyoming licensed and accredited veterinarian from writing a certificate of veterinary inspection in compliance with applicable destination requirements.". CRAGO

2/3/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 30-1-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator Case

Ayes 30 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/4/2025 H Received for Introduction
2/10/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H05 - Agriculture
2/11/2025 H05 - Agriculture:Recommend Do Pass 8-1-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Banks, Davis, Eklund, Johnson, Ottman, Schmid, Strock, Winter

Nays: Representative Provenza
Ayes 8 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/11/2025 H Placed on General File

SF0064HW001/FAILED **(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**
Page 1-line 3 After "traceability;" delete balance of line.
Page 1-line 4 Delete entirely.
Page 1-line 5 Delete "of electronic ear tags;".
Page 5-lines 19 through 23 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.
Page 6-line 2 Delete "(e)" and insert "(d)". WILLIAMS

SF0064HW002/ADOPTED **(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**
Page 1-line 5 Delete "state veterinarian".
Page 1-line 6 Delete "and local veterinarians" and insert "Wyoming livestock board". WILLIAMS

2/18/2025 H COW:Passed

SF0064H2001/FAILED **(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**
Page 1-line 3 After "traceability;" delete balance of line.
Page 1-line 4 Delete entirely.
Page 1-line 5 Delete line through "tags;".
Page 1-line 7 Delete "providing".
Page 1-line 8 Delete "legislative findings;".
Page 1-line 14 Delete "**state**".
Page 1-line 15 Delete "**veterinarian**" and insert "**livestock board**";
legislative findings".
Pages 2 and 3 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.
Page 4-line 1 Delete "(b)" and insert "(a)".
Page 4-lines 3 through 12 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.
Page 4-line 14 Delete "(iii) Wyoming will" and insert "(i) The Wyoming livestock board shall".
Page 4-line 19 Delete "(iv) Wyoming is committed to working" and insert "(ii) The Wyoming livestock board shall work".
Page 5-lines 1 through 12 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.
Page 5-line 14 Delete "(c)" and insert "(b)".
Page 5-lines 19 through 23 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.

Page 6-line 2 Delete "(e)" and insert "(c)". LARSEN, L

2/19/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0064H3001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 14 Delete "**state**".

Page 1-line 15 Delete "**veterinarian**" and insert "**livestock board**"; delete "**; legislative findings**".

Pages 2 through 4 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.

Page 5-lines 1 through 12 Delete entirely.

Page 5-line 14 Delete "(c)" and insert "(a)".

Page 5-line 19 Delete "(d)" and insert "(b)".

Page 6-line 2 Delete "(e)" and insert "(c)".

Page 6-after line 5 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"Section 2.

(a) The legislature finds that:

(i) Wyoming and the nation's voluntary livestock identification system has served the livestock industry well for decades;

(ii) The United States department of agriculture's animal and plant health inspection service announced a final rule in April of 2024 that would require certain livestock to wear electronically readable devices in order to prevent and manage livestock disease outbreaks;

(iii) If the United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service were concerned with and focused on preventing a livestock disease outbreak, they would stop the importation of livestock from countries that have known and documented problems with disease, yet they do not do so;

(iv) The vast majority of livestock affected by this mandatory electronic identification rule originate from wide open spaces and live on clean, disease-free pastures and not in confined areas with thousands of livestock coming from different areas;

(v) The United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service have stated that a seventy percent (70%) compliance rate with mandatory electronic identification usage would be necessary to make the identification program an effective disease traceability requirement;

(vi) Wyoming already has livestock identification methods that are far superior to the mandatory electronic identification rules that, according to the United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service, are specifically targeted to apply to only eleven percent (11%) of all livestock in the country; and

(vii) The mandatory electronic identification rule was put in place by a federal government agency rather than being voted on by the United States congress, making it only a rule and not codified law.

(b) It is the policy of the state of Wyoming that:

(i) Wyoming is opposed to the animal and plant health inspection service's rule mandating electronic identification devices for Wyoming livestock;

(ii) W.S. 11-18-117 clearly defines the terms by which the Wyoming livestock industry can continue to do business and have the freedom, right and liberty to use historically reliable, affordable, confidential and voluntary methods of livestock identification, including brands, backtags, tattoos and ear tags;

(iii) Wyoming will seek to work with existing metal identification tag manufacturers to produce those tags historically used to confirm livestock health and identity;

(iv) Wyoming is committed to working with other states to develop agreements and arrangements to allow livestock to be transported to and from Wyoming without being required to use electronic identification ear tags;

(v) Wyoming shall demand that the United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service provide a complete and full accounting and accurate estimate of all costs associated with mandating that Wyoming's livestock producers use electronic identification ear tags, including costs associated with hardware, software, ear tags, wands, retrofitting of livestock handling facilities, retrofitting of sales barns, working of livestock and costs related to additional paperwork, digital input and filings necessary to prove compliance with the electronic identification ear tag rule to the Wyoming legislature.".

Page 6-line 7 Delete "**Section 2.**" and insert "**Section 3.**". DAVIS

2/20/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 54-3-5-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Provenza, Sherwood, Storer

Excused: Representative(s) Campbell, E, Jarvis, Posey, Riggins, Wharff

Ayes 54 **Nays** 3 **Excused** 5 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2025 S Received for Concurrence

2/21/2025 S Concur:Passed 30-1-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator Case

Ayes 30 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/21/2025 Assigned Number SEA No. 0022
2/21/2025 S President Signed SEA No. 0022
2/24/2025 H Speaker Signed SEA No. 0022
2/27/2025 Governor Signed SEA No. 0022
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