

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0019

Corner crossing clarification.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural  
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; providing a  
2 clarifying exception to the offenses of trespass and game-  
3 and-fish trespass regarding incidental contact associated  
4 with crossing two (2) adjacent parcels as specified; and  
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-303 by creating a new subsection

10 (d) and 23-3-305(b) are amended to read:

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12 **6-3-303. Criminal trespass; penalties.**

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14 (d) For purposes of this section, a person does not  
15 commit criminal trespass if the person travels by foot from

1 one (1) parcel of land owned by a local government, the  
2 state of Wyoming or the federal government that the person  
3 is authorized to access to another parcel of land owned by  
4 a local government, the state of Wyoming or federal  
5 government that the person is authorized to access at the  
6 corner where the two (2) parcels meet and without  
7 physically contacting or causing damage to any privately  
8 owned land or property adjacent to the two (2) parcels.

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10 **23-3-305. Hunting from highway; entering or traveling**  
11 **through private property without permission; penalty;**  
12 **hunting at night without permission prohibited.**

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14 (b) No person shall enter upon, travel through or  
15 return across the private property of any person to take  
16 wildlife, hunt, fish, collect antlers or horns, or trap  
17 without the permission of the owner or person in charge of  
18 the property. Violation of this subsection constitutes a  
19 low misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S.  
20 23-6-202(a)(v). For purposes of this subsection:

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1           (i) "Travel through or return across" requires  
2 physically touching or driving on the surface of the  
3 private property;

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5           (ii) A person does not commit trespass under  
6 this subsection if the person travels by foot from one (1)  
7 parcel of land owned by a local government, the state of  
8 Wyoming or the federal government that the person is  
9 authorized to access to another parcel of land owned by a  
10 local government, the state of Wyoming or federal  
11 government that the person is authorized to access at the  
12 corner where the two (2) parcels meet and without  
13 physically contacting or causing damage to any privately  
14 owned land or property adjacent to the two (2) parcels.

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16           **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
19 Constitution.

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