

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 is traveling 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 causing
7 damage to any privately owned land adjacent to the two (2)
8 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:

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

(ii) A person does not commit trespass under this subsection if the person is traveling from one (1) parcel of land owned by a local government, the state of Wyoming or the federal government that the person is authorized to access to another parcel of land owned by a local government, the state of Wyoming or federal government that the person is authorized to access at the corner where the two (2) parcels meet and without causing damage to any privately owned land adjacent to the two (2) parcels.

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

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