

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0003

Animal abuse-predatory animals.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; providing for a new
2 criminal offense of cruelty to animals; increasing the
3 maximum fine for a misdemeanor first offense cruelty to
4 animals conviction; providing for the suspension of hunting
5 privileges for a cruelty to animals conviction as
6 specified; authorizing game and fish law enforcement to
7 enforce the criminal provisions of cruelty to animals as
8 specified; specifying applicability; and providing for an
9 effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-1002 by creating a new subsection
14 (b), 6-3-1004(a) and by creating a new subsection (c),

1 6-3-1010 by creating a new subsection (b) and
2 23-6-206(a)(intro) and (iii) are amended to read:

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4 **6-3-1002. Cruelty to animals.**

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6 (b) Any person who intentionally injures or disables
7 a predatory animal as defined by W.S. 23-1-101(a)(viii) by
8 use of an automotive vehicle, motor-propelled wheeled
9 vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow shall
10 upon inflicting the injury or disability immediately use
11 all reasonable efforts to kill the injured or disabled
12 predatory animal. Any person who fails to immediately use
13 all reasonable efforts to kill an injured or disabled
14 predatory animal as required by this subsection commits
15 cruelty to animals.

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17 **6-3-1004. Penalties; misdemeanor offenses.**

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19 (a) A first offense of cruelty to animals or of a
20 violation of W.S. 6-3-1003 is a misdemeanor punishable by
21 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of
22 not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)~~ one
23 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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2 (c) In addition to any penalty provided by this
3 section, for a conviction of a violation of W.S.
4 6-3-1002(b), a court may revoke any license, suspend a
5 person's privilege to purchase or receive any other license
6 or to take any wildlife pursuant to W.S. 23-6-206.

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8 **6-3-1010. Impounding and forfeiture hearing;**
9 **enforcement.**

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11 (b) In addition to any other peace officer with
12 authority to enforce this article, game and fish law
13 enforcement personnel qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701
14 through 9-1-707 are authorized to enforce the provisions of
15 W.S. 6-3-1002(b) and 6-3-1004.

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17 **23-6-206. Revocation of license; hunting after**
18 **suspended license.**

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20 (a) The court may, in its discretion, revoke any
21 license issued under this act to any person convicted of a
22 violation of this act or W.S. 6-3-1002(b), for the
23 remainder of the year in which the conviction occurs, and

1 may suspend the person's privilege to purchase or receive
2 any other license under this act, or to take any wildlife
3 for the following time periods provided in paragraphs (i)
4 through (iii) and shall suspend the person's privilege to
5 purchase or receive any other license under this act for
6 the time period provided in paragraph (iv) of this
7 subsection:

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9 (iii) Up to three (3) years for conviction of a
10 low misdemeanor as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v) or for a
11 conviction of cruelty to animals pursuant to W.S.
12 6-3-1002(b);

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14 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to any person who
15 intentionally injures or disables a predatory animal by use
16 of an automotive vehicle, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle,
17 or vehicle designed for travel over snow on and after July
18 1, 2025.

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20 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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