

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0004

Prohibited livestock grazing.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; prohibiting opening
2 a fence for the purpose of letting livestock on the land of
3 another; providing an exception; providing a penalty; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-9-202 is amended to read:

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10 **6-9-202. Neglect to close fences; intentionally**
11 **opening a fence; penalty; exception.**

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13 (a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
14 a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
15 (\$750.00) if he opens and neglects to close a gate or

1 replace bars in a fence or modifies, destroys or removes
2 any portion of a legal fence which crosses a private road
3 or a river, stream or ditch.
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5 (b) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
6 a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
7 (\$750.00) if, without authorization, he opens a gate or
8 modifies, destroys or removes any portion of a legal fence
9 for the purpose of allowing livestock under his ownership
10 or control to enter the land of another for the consumption
11 of forage.
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13 (c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to
14 prohibit a person from modifying, destroying or removing
15 any portion of a legal fence in an emergency.
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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.
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19 (END)