

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0096

Treatment of animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larsen, Barlow and Brown
and Senator(s) Ellis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to animals; amending provisions governing
2 euthanasia of animals; amending definitions; amending a
3 misdemeanor provision; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-1010 is created to read:

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9 **6-3-1010. Authorized euthanasia practices.**

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11 (a) An animal control facility shall administer
12 sodium pentobarbital or a derivative thereof as the
13 exclusive method for euthanasia of household pets. Sodium
14 pentobarbital or a derivative thereof shall be administered
15 by:

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2 (i) Intravenous injection by hypodermic needle;

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4 (ii) Intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic
5 needle; or

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7 (iii) Only if an animal is unconscious,
8 intracardiac injection by hypodermic needle.

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10 (b) If an animal control facility euthanizes
11 household pets, the animal control facility shall:

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13 (i) Adopt a policy for euthanasia that complies
14 with the applicable provisions of this section;

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16 (ii) Adopt a euthanasia training program;

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18 (iii) Require each person who conducts or
19 assists with euthanasia to attend the euthanasia training
20 program required by paragraph (ii) of this subsection at
21 least one (1) time every two (2) years; and

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1 (iv) Keep a record of training dates and all
2 attendees.

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4 (c) The requirements imposed on animal control
5 facilities by subsection (b) of this section are in
6 addition to the requirements imposed on animal euthanasia
7 technicians in W.S. 33-30-223 and 33-30-224.

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 6-3-1001(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (i) and by renumbering paragraphs (i) through
11 (iii) as (ii) through (iv) and 6-3-1003 by creating a new
12 subsection (d), as created by 2021 Senate Enrolled Act 12,
13 2021 Senate File 0026, and signed by the governor on
14 February 5, 2021, are amended to read:

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16 **6-3-1001. Definitions.**

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18 (a) As used in this article:

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20 (i) "Animal control facility" means a public or
21 private facility the primary purpose of which is to provide
22 temporary care for stray, surrendered or neglected
23 household pets;

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2 ~~(i)~~(ii) "Costs of the animal's impoundment"
3 means all costs incurred by the impounding entity in
4 providing necessary food and water, veterinary attention
5 and treatment for any animal which is the subject of a
6 violation of this article;

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8 ~~(ii)~~(iii) "Household pet" means any privately
9 owned dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, hamster, mouse, gerbil,
10 ferret, bird, fish, reptile, amphibian, invertebrate or any
11 other species of domesticated animal sold, transferred or
12 retained for the purpose of being kept as a pet in or near
13 a house. "Household pet" shall not include any livestock;

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15 ~~(iii)~~(iv) "Livestock" means horses, mules and
16 asses, rabbits, llamas, cattle, swine, sheep, goats,
17 poultry, or other animal generally used for food or in the
18 production of food or fiber, working animals and guard
19 animals actively engaged in the protection or management of
20 livestock. Bison are considered livestock unless otherwise
21 designated by the Wyoming livestock board and the Wyoming
22 game and fish commission.

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1 6-3-1003. Other misdemeanors involving animal abuse;
2 prohibition on manner of destruction of animals; attending
3 fowl or dog fights; keeping household pets in unsanitary
4 conditions.

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6 (d) An animal control facility shall not destroy an
7 animal by the use of a high-altitude decompression chamber,
8 carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide or any nonanesthetic
9 inhalant.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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