

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0101

Vicious animals-interference with game wardens.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Moniz, Brown, Cannady and  
McOmie and Senator(s) Dockstader and  
Driskill

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing criminal  
2 penalties for failure to control a dangerous animal as  
3 specified; 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. 23-3-408 is created to read:

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9 **23-3-408. Interference with game warden; vicious**  
10 **animals.**

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12 (a) A person who fails to control a dangerous animal  
13 owned by the person in a manner that interferes with,  
14 hinders or prevents a game warden in the discharge of the  
15 officers' duties on public lands, unless the animal was

1 attempting to protect livestock, is guilty of a misdemeanor  
2 punishable as provided in this section.

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4 (b) As used in this section, dangerous animal means  
5 an animal that chases, confronts or approaches a game  
6 warden in a menacing fashion in a manner that would put a  
7 reasonable person in fear of attack.

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9 (c) A first violation of subsection (a) of this  
10 section constitutes a low misdemeanor as punishable as  
11 provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v). A second or subsequent  
12 violation of subsection (a) of this section constitutes a  
13 high misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S.  
14 23-6-202(a)(ii).

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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