

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0143

Game road kill.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Barlow, Blake, Clem, Lindholm and Petroff and Senator(s) Craft and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for rules and  
2 regulations to authorize the collection of road killed  
3 animals; providing restrictions; and providing for an  
4 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. 23-3-310 is created to read:

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10 **23-3-310. Possession of road killed wildlife.**

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12 (a) The commission shall, in consultation with the  
13 state transportation commission and through rule and  
14 regulation, establish a program whereby any person desiring  
15 to possess wildlife killed as a result of motor vehicle

1 collisions on any public road or highway in the state of  
2 Wyoming is permitted to do so, provided that he possesses  
3 one (1) of the following:

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5 (i) A letter of prior authorization from the  
6 department. Letters of prior authorization may be available  
7 through the director to any person or entity which commits  
8 to putting road killed wildlife carcasses to a beneficial  
9 use;

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11 (ii) A valid scientific or educational  
12 collecting permit for the specific species issued pursuant  
13 to W.S. 23-1-302(a)(xiii); or

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15 (iii) A donation certificate or Wyoming  
16 interstate game tag issued by the department. A person  
17 desiring to possess a road killed animal shall contact the  
18 department before taking possession of an animal to obtain  
19 a donation certificate. The rules may provide that a  
20 person requesting the donation certificate may have to  
21 present the animal for inspection to verify its possession  
22 meets the criteria of the regulation. The rules may also

1 provide for obtaining a donation certificate after the  
2 person takes possession of the animal.

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4 (b) None of the provisions of this section shall  
5 apply to bighorn sheep, gray wolves within any area of the  
6 state where gray wolves are classified as trophy game  
7 animals, grizzly bears, mountain goats, wildlife species  
8 covered under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act,  
9 federal threatened or endangered species or those species  
10 whose possession is prohibited by federal or state statute  
11 or regulation.

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13 (c) Nothing in this section shall authorize the  
14 possession of any illegally taken wildlife or wildlife  
15 found dead due to causes other than motor vehicle  
16 collisions.

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18 (d) The commission may through rule and regulation  
19 require any antlers or horns, with skull plate intact,  
20 taken pursuant to this section to be properly tagged with a  
21 Wyoming interstate game tag.

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1           **Section 2.** W.S. 23-3-106(a)(i), (ii) and by creating  
2 a new paragraph (iii) is amended to read:

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4           **23-3-106. Transportation of big or trophy game**  
5 **animal.**

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7           (a) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this  
8 section and W.S. 23-2-302(e), no person shall ship,  
9 transport, or receive for shipment or transportation within  
10 Wyoming, any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof,  
11 unless tagged with a Wyoming game tag or Wyoming interstate  
12 game tag, or unless:

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14           (i) The transportation is by a person  
15 accompanying the carcass of a big or trophy game animal who  
16 is in possession of a proper coupon;~~or~~

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18           (ii) The transportation is by a properly  
19 licensed bird or small game hunter in possession of not  
20 more than his daily bag or possession limit;~~or~~ or

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22           (iii) The transportation is by a person  
23 possessing authorization pursuant to W.S. 23-3-310 except

1 an interstate game tag may by rule and regulation be  
2 required as provided in W.S. 23-3-310(d).

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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