

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0247

Trophy game animals-wanton waste.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Newsome, Larson, JT,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; prohibiting the waste of
2 edible portions of trophy game animals and possession of
3 parts of wasted trophy game animals; prohibiting the
4 abandonment of trophy game animal meat at a meat processing
5 plant; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-303 is amended to read:

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11 **23-3-303. Waste of edible portion of game bird, fish**
12 **or animal prohibited; abandonment of meat at meat**
13 **processing plant.**

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1 (a) No person shall take and leave, abandon or allow
2 any game bird, game fish, or game animal, ~~except trophy~~
3 ~~game animal,~~ or edible portion, to intentionally or
4 needlessly go to waste. No person shall knowingly possess
5 any parts of a big game animal or trophy game animal wasted
6 as provided in this subsection.

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8 (b) The failure of any person to properly dress and
9 care for any big game animal or trophy game animal killed
10 by that person, and, if the carcass is reasonably
11 accessible, within forty-eight (48) hours to take or
12 transport the carcass to the camp of that person, and there
13 properly care for the carcass, is prima facie evidence of a
14 violation of subsection (a) of this section.

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16 (c) No person shall abandon meat from a big game
17 animal, trophy game animal or game bird at a meat
18 processing plant. Unless there is an express agreement
19 between the processing plant and the person providing
20 otherwise, any person leaving meat from a big game animal,
21 trophy game animal or game bird at a meat processing plant
22 for more than forty-five (45) days is prima facie evidence
23 of a violation of this subsection if written notice of the

1 expiration of time has been attempted by the processing
2 plant in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated
3 by the game and fish department. The owner or operator in
4 charge of any meat processing plant shall immediately
5 report a violation of this subsection to any enforcement
6 personnel of the department. Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of this act, the owner of the meat processing
8 plant is entitled to the proceeds of sale of any meat
9 confiscated under this subsection up to the amount of
10 reasonable processing or storage charges following a
11 conviction under this subsection or a reasonable time after
12 the violation is reported. If the department has been
13 unsuccessful in selling the confiscated meat within thirty
14 (30) days following the reported violation, the department
15 may dispose of the meat as it deems appropriate.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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