

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0252

Reporting of trophy game animal information.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hunt and Haley and Senator(s)  
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for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; regulating the release of  
2 information related to the taking of trophy game animals;  
3 making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective  
4 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. 23-1-305 is created to read:

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10 **23-1-305. Release of information of taken trophy game**  
11 **animals.**

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13 (a) Any information regarding the number or nature of  
14 trophy game animals legally taken within the state of Wyoming  
15 shall only be released in its aggregate form and no

1 information of a private or confidential nature shall be  
2 released without the written consent of the person to whom  
3 the information may refer. Information identifying any person  
4 legally taking a trophy game animal within this state is  
5 solely for the use of the commission, the department or  
6 appropriate law enforcement offices and is not a public record  
7 for purposes of W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205.

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9 (b) As used in this section, "trophy game animal" means  
10 as defined in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(A).

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12 **Section 2.** W.S. 16-4-203(d) by creating a new paragraph  
13 (xx) and 23-1-302(a)(xx) are amended to read:

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15 **16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;**  
16 **access of news media; order permitting or restricting**  
17 **disclosure; exceptions.**

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19 (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection of  
20 the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:

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1           ~~(xx) Any records of the Wyoming game and fish~~  
2 ~~commission identifying any person legally taking a trophy~~  
3 ~~game animal as defined in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(A).~~

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5           **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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7           (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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9           ~~(xx) Subject to W.S. 23-1-305,~~ to authorize the  
10 collection, classification, and dissemination of such  
11 statistics, data and information as in its discretion will  
12 tend to promote the objects and purposes of this act;

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14           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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