

SENATE FILE NO. SF0063

Predator ownership.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson, J.D. (SD02) and Emerich
and Representative(s) Barlow

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to predatory animals; prohibiting ownership
2 of a predator without a permit; providing a definition;
3 providing rulemaking authority; providing a penalty; and
4 providing for an 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. 11-6-109 is created to read:

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10 **11-6-109. Predator ownership prohibited; penalty.**

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12 No person shall knowingly own or possess a living predator
13 unless the person has obtained a permit from the director
14 of the department of agriculture giving approval to own the
15 predator. The director shall not issue a permit under this

1 section if the director determines that ownership of the
2 predator presents any threat to public health or safety.
3 Any person failing to comply with this section shall be
4 punished as provided in W.S. 11-1-103. The department of
5 agriculture shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to
6 implement this section. As used in this section, "predator"
7 means a predatory animal as defined in W.S.
8 23-1-101(a)(viii).

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10 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-1-103 is amended to read:

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12 **11-1-103. Penalty for violations.**

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14 A person who violates any of the following sections commits
15 a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than
16 six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty
17 dollars (\$750.00), or both for the first offense, or by
18 imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not
19 more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), or
20 both for second or subsequent offenses: W.S. 11-6-109,
21 11-6-210(a) or (f), 11-18-112, 11-19-101, 11-19-102,
22 11-19-103, 11-19-111, 11-19-210, 11-19-215, 11-19-304,
23 11-19-306, 11-19-401, 11-20-114, 11-20-117, 11-20-229,

1 11-20-230, 11-21-104, 11-22-118, 11-23-106, 11-23-207,
2 11-24-103, 11-24-106, 11-26-101(b), 11-30-114 and
3 11-48-102. A person who violates board rules promulgated
4 pursuant to W.S. 11-18-103(a)(v) shall be subject to the
5 penalties specified in this section.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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