

CHAPTER 74

Original House Bill No. 18

HUNTING BY ARTIFICIAL LIGHT

AN ACT to amend W.S. 23-3-306(b) and (c) relating to hunting by artificial light; prohibiting taking any wildlife by artificial light; providing an exception for predator control by public officers and landowners; increasing the penalty; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-3-306(b) and (c) is amended to read:

23-3-306. Use of flying machine, automobiles, snow vehicles, artificial light, etc., for hunting or fishing prohibited; exception; penalties.

(b) No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:

(i) A public officer authorized to control predators;

(ii) A landowner, resident manager, or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission, on land under the landowner's control for the protection of his property.

(c) It is prima facie evidence of a violation of subsection (b) of this section if a person uses an artificial light in an area which may be inhabited by wildlife while having in his possession and control any device for taking wildlife.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and if hunting on private lands, has the written permission of the landowner or his agent.

(e) Violation of this section constitutes a 4th degree misdemeanor.

Section 2. This act is effective May 20, 1981.

Approved March 3, 1981.