

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0119

National animal identification system.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wallis and Teeters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the livestock board; prohibiting state
2 participation in a national animal identification system;
3 voiding all cooperative agreements and identification lists
4 based on a national animal identification system;
5 prohibiting spending of any public funds on a national
6 animal identification system; repealing the confidentiality
7 of livestock premises and identification records;
8 authorizing and restricting private animal identification
9 systems and public systems for disease control programs;
10 and providing for an effective date.

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

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14 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-18-119 is created to read:

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16 **11-18-119. National animal identification system.**

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1 (a) Wyoming shall not establish nor participate in
2 the national animal identification system or any other
3 source verification program.

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5 (b) The prohibition in this section shall apply to
6 the components of a source verification program, including
7 premises registration and data bases, animal identification
8 and data bases and animal movement tracing and data bases.

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10 (c) Wyoming shall not enter into any cooperative
11 agreement with the federal government or with any other
12 state relating to the establishment of animal tracking,
13 tagging, registration, or information data bases, premises
14 registration, or information data bases, use of microchips
15 for animal tagging purposes and other matters related to
16 the national animal identification system. All cooperative
17 agreements between Wyoming and the federal government, or
18 between Wyoming and any other state, established prior to
19 the effective date of this section shall be withdrawn from
20 or terminated pursuant to the withdrawal or termination
21 clause of each agreement.

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23 (d) Immediately upon the effective date of this
24 section, any identification lists or data bases created

1 using, in whole or in part, federal funds under the
2 national animal identification system, shall be void and
3 shall not be used for any purpose by any governmental,
4 public, or private person or entity. This subsection does
5 not include lists and data bases that were created solely
6 for the purposes of addressing specific diseases in
7 specific species of livestock, except to the extent that
8 such lists have been used for the national animal
9 identification system program.

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11 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed as
12 prohibiting Wyoming from establishing or participating in
13 disease control programs specifically designed to address a
14 known disease in a specific species of livestock.

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16 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed as
17 prohibiting Wyoming from operating livestock
18 identification, brand registration and inspection programs.

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20 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed as
21 prohibiting private agricultural industry organizations
22 from establishing voluntary source verification programs
23 for their own members or others who elect to participate.

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1 (h) No public funds shall be used to support a
2 national animal identification system or any other source
3 verification program.

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5 (j) A private source verification program
6 identification system, device or marking shall not
7 obliterate or supersede or otherwise make unreadable any
8 brand or mark on any animal. A source verification
9 program's rules shall not supersede Wyoming's brand or
10 marking system rules as a matter of law.

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12 (k) No services, compensation, favors, payments,
13 credits, benefits, licenses, permits, certifications,
14 insurance or risk management coverage, special
15 consideration or other incentives may be provided by any
16 public or private person, directly or indirectly, to any
17 participant in an animal identification or premises
18 registration program based solely on that person's
19 participation in such program.

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21 (m) No services, compensation, favors, payments,
22 credits, benefits, licenses, permits, certifications,
23 insurance or risk management coverage, special
24 consideration or other incentives may be denied, revoked or

1 limited by any public or private person, directly or
2 indirectly, based solely on that person's lack of
3 participation in an animal identification or premises
4 registration program.

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6 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-18-117 is repealed.

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8 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
9 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
10 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
11 Constitution.

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