

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0005

Silencers, suppressors and automatic weapons while hunting.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and  
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; repealing provisions  
2 prohibiting the possession of silencers, suppressors or  
3 automatic weapons in the game fields and forests;  
4 prohibiting the taking of wildlife with automatic weapons;  
5 providing an additional penalty for use of silencers or  
6 suppressors in the commission of specified hunting  
7 violations; providing penalties; and providing for an  
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-112 is amended to read:

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14 **23-3-112. Firearms; automatic weapon prohibited; use**  
15 **of silencer or suppressor to take big or trophy game**  
16 **restricted; penalties.**

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2 (a) No person shall take ~~into or possess in the game~~  
3 ~~fields or forests of Wyoming~~ any wildlife with any fully  
4 automatic weapon  ~~or device designed to silence or muffle~~  
5 ~~the report of any firearm.~~

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7 (b) Violation of this section is separate and  
8 additional to any other violation and constitutes a high  
9 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii).

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11 (c) No person shall use a device designed to silence  
12 or muffle the report of any firearm in the commission of:

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14 (i) A violation of W.S. 23-3-102;

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16 (ii) A violation of W.S. 23-3-107;

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18 (iii) A violation of W.S. 23-3-305(b) which  
19 results in the taking of a big or trophy game animal; or

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21 (iv) Taking of a big or trophy game animal out  
22 of season.

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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