

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

State parks-special events.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks; providing for special
2 events at state parks, recreation areas, archeological
3 sites and historic sites; providing for a waiver of permit
4 fees for special events; providing for a separate fee for
5 special events; providing for the deposit, appropriation
6 and use of fees; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-4-121(a)(xiii) and by creating a
11 new subsection (n) is amended to read:

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13 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**
14 **areas and historic sites.**

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1 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
2 resources shall offer for sale permits that allow use of
3 the state parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and
4 historic sites. Daily use permits shall be required at
5 Glendo, Guernsey, Curt Gowdy, Edness Kimball Wilkins,
6 Buffalo Bill, Boysen, Seminoe and Keyhole state parks and
7 Fort Bridger, South Pass City, Trail End, Fort Fetterman
8 and Fort Phil Kearney state historic sites, and Hawk
9 Springs state recreation area. The department may
10 establish voluntary pay stations at Bear River and Hot
11 Springs state parks to allow users of those parks to make
12 voluntary contributions for the use of the state parks.
13 Persons who enter or use Bear River or Hot Springs state
14 park without paying daily use fees shall not be subject to
15 the penalties provided for in subsection (j) of this
16 section. Overnight camping permits shall be required at
17 Boysen, Buffalo Bill, Curt Gowdy, Glendo, Guernsey,
18 Keyhole, Seminoe and Sinks Canyon state parks, Connor
19 Battlefield state historic site, Medicine Lodge state
20 archeological site and Hawk Springs state recreation area
21 by the department during the entire calendar year. The cost
22 of the permits authorized under this section shall be:

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1 (xiii) Upon written request of a group
2 sponsoring a special event or upon the department's
3 sponsorship of a special event, the director of the
4 department may, with the approval of the parks and cultural
5 resources commission, waive any fees required under this
6 subsection. A fee which may exceed the daily use permit
7 fee specified in this section may be charged for entry to
8 special events. Holders of annual bucking horse daily or
9 overnight permits may be charged the special event fee. No
10 special event fee shall be charged at any park, area or
11 site unless a daily use fee has been established by law;

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13 (n) The department is authorized to sponsor special
14 events and to contract with groups sponsoring special
15 events at state parks, recreation areas, archeological
16 sites or historic sites. A special event fee may be charged
17 as provided in paragraph (a)(xiii) of this section. All
18 funds received from special event fees shall be deposited
19 in a special events account within the enterprise fund. The
20 funds deposited within the account are continuously
21 appropriated to and may be expended by the department to
22 conduct special events directly or pursuant to contracts
23 entered under this subsection.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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