HOUSE BILL NO. HB0336

Emergency services mutual aid.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Latta

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to emergency services mutual aid
- 2 agreements; providing for mutual aid agreements as
- 3 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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- 7 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-13-201, 19-13-202(a)(iv),
- 8 19-13-203(a) and (c) and 19-13-209 are amended to read:

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10 **19-13-201**. Short title.

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- 12 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Interstate
- 13 Emergency Services Mutual Aid Act".

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15 **19-13-202.** Definitions.

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(a) As used in this act, unless the context requires 1 2 otherwise, the following definitions apply: 3 4 (iv) "Mutual aid agreement" or "agreement" means 5 an agreement, consistent with the purposes of this act, by 6 one (1) or more fire protection services, emergency medical 7 care providers or local government subdivisions of this 8 state with one (1) or more fire protection services, 9 emergency medical care providers, emergency management 10 programs or local government subdivisions of any other 11 state or the United States authorized under W.S. 19-13-203; 12 13 19-13-203. Authorization to enter agreement; general 14 content; authority. 15 16 (a) A mutual aid agreement to provide emergency 17 services to the area covered by the agreement may be 18 entered into between: 19 20 (i) Any one (1) or more fire protection services, emergency medical care providers, emergency 21 22 management programs or local government subdivision of this state may enter into a mutual aid agreement with any one 23 24 (1) or more fire protection services, emergency medical

1 care providers, emergency management programs or local 2 government subdivisions of any other state or the United 3 States. to provide emergency services to the area covered 4 by the agreement. The agreement shall be authorized and 5 approved by the governing body of each party to the agreement that is not an agency of the United States 6 7 government; - or 8 9 (ii) Any number of fire protection services, 10 emergency medical care providers, emergency management 11 programs or local government subdivisions of this state 12 with any other fire protection services, emergency medical 13 care providers, emergency management programs or local 14 government subdivisions of this state, if every 15 municipality within the counties and the counties where the 16 fire protection services, emergency medical care providers, 17 emergency management programs or local government subdivisions exist enters the mutual aid agreement. The 18 19 agreement shall be authorized and approved by the governing 20 body of each party to the agreement. 21 22 (c) A mutual aid agreement shall grant a fire 23 protection service, emergency management program or 24 emergency medical care provider of this state authority to

1 operate outside of the state its local area and, if entered

2 pursuant to paragraph (a)(i) of this section, shall grant

3 authority for a fire protection service, emergency

4 management program or emergency medical care provider of

5 another state or the United States to operate within this

6 state as if the fire service, emergency management program

7 or emergency medical care provider were organized and

8 operated under the laws of this state.

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10 19-13-209. Right of state in actions involving

11 agreements.

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13 In any case or controversy involving performance or

14 interpretation of or liability under a mutual aid agreement

15 entered into between one (1) or more fire protection

16 services, emergency medical care providers, emergency

17 management programs or local government subdivisions of

18 this state and one (1) or more fire protection services,

19 emergency medical care providers, emergency management

20 programs or local government subdivisions of another state

21 or of the United States pursuant to this act, the parties

22 to the agreement are the real parties in interest. This

23 state may maintain an action against any fire protection

24 service, emergency medical care provider, emergency

1 management program or local government subdivision whose

2 default, failure, performance or other conduct caused or

3 contributed to a loss or liability incurred by the state.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon

6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law

7 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming

8 Constitution.

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