

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0193

Universally accessible campgrounds.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dv. and Davison  
and Senator(s) Fecht and Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and historic sites;  
2 providing for campsites to be improved and maintained as  
3 specified; providing for a special permit fee; specifying  
4 use of fees; providing an appropriation and providing for a  
5 continuous appropriation; and providing for an effective  
6 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. 36-4-124 is created to read:

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12 **36-4-124. Accessible campsites.**

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14 (a) The department of state parks and cultural  
15 resources shall make a total of five percent (5%) of all  
16 campsites universally accessible by constructing new, or

1 renovating existing campsites, to comply with the  
2 requirements of the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards  
3 and the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility  
4 guidelines.

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6 (b) Eighty percent (80%) of the funds collected from  
7 the special fee authorized by W.S. 36-4-121(a)(xiv) for  
8 camping at the campsites specified in this section shall be  
9 deposited in an account and are continuously appropriated  
10 to the department to pay the electrical utility charges and  
11 maintenance costs of the campsites specified in this  
12 section. The remaining funds collected from the special fee  
13 authorized by W.S. 36-4-121(a)(xiv) for camping at the  
14 campsites specified in this section shall be deposited in a  
15 capital construction account and expended in accordance  
16 with W.S. 36-4-121(h).

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18 **Section 2.** W.S. 36-4-121(a) by creating a new  
19 paragraph (xiv) and by renumbering (xiv) as (xv) is amended  
20 to read:

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22 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**  
23 **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 establish  
10 voluntary pay stations at Bear River and Hot Springs state  
11 parks to allow users of those parks to make voluntary  
12 contributions for the use of the state parks. Persons who  
13 enter or use Bear River or Hot Springs state park without  
14 paying daily use fees shall not be subject to the penalties  
15 provided for in subsection (j) of this section. Overnight  
16 camping permits shall be required at Boysen, Buffalo Bill,  
17 Curt Gowdy, Glendo, Guernsey, Keyhole, Seminoe and Sinks  
18 Canyon state parks, Connor Battlefield state historic site,  
19 Medicine Lodge state archeological site and Hawk Springs  
20 state recreation area by the department during the entire  
21 calendar year. Except for the lifetime permit issued  
22 without cost pursuant to subsection (n) of this section,  
23 the cost of the permits authorized under this section shall  
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(xiv) A special fee of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per day may be charged for camping in campsites offering electricity. This special fee may be charged in addition to the daily or annual overnight camping permit fee.

~~(xiv)~~ (xv) Waived for the following:

(A) Persons needing to pass through a state park or historic site to access private property shall be exempt from the entrance permit requirements of this section;

(B) Persons needing access to a state park or historic site to conduct official business or only to access a private commercial business without further use of the state park or historic site shall be exempt from the entrance permit requirements of this section;

(C) School groups on school sanctioned events including events sanctioned by educational programs defined under W.S. 21-4-101(a)(iii), (iv) and (v), and residents and staff of publicly owned homes or institutions

1 while on official agency functions shall be exempt from the  
2 entrance permit requirements of this section;

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4 (D) Not for profit groups or organizations  
5 needing access to a state park or historic site to provide  
6 volunteer assistance or services that have been previously  
7 agreed upon by the department of state parks and cultural  
8 resources shall be exempt from the permit requirements of  
9 this section.

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11 **Section 3.** For the purposes of this act for the  
12 fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this act  
13 and ending June 30, 2009, there is appropriated from the  
14 general fund to the department of state parks and cultural  
15 resources seven hundred fifty thousand dollars  
16 (\$750,000.00). Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207(a), any  
17 unencumbered or unobligated funds remaining from the  
18 appropriation under this section on June 30, 2008 shall not  
19 lapse or revert to the general fund, but shall remain  
20 available to the department of state parks and cultural  
21 resources to implement the purposes of this act for the  
22 period specified in this section.

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

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