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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Historic mine trail and byway program.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming historic mine trail and  
2 byway system; transferring authority over system to the  
3 department of state parks and cultural resources; repealing  
4 the Wyoming historic mine trail and byway commission;  
5 providing for the disposition of unexpended funds and other  
6 property; 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. 36-8-1402(b) is amended to read:

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1           **36-8-1402. Wyoming historic mine trail and byway**  
2 **system; creation; department duties and processes for trail**  
3 **and byway development; advisory groups.**

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5           (b) The Wyoming historic mine trail and byway system  
6 shall be established by the ~~commission created under W.S.~~  
7 ~~36-8-1401~~ department of state parks and cultural resources  
8 through a process of nominations submitted from among  
9 various public and private sectors within Wyoming which are  
10 knowledgeable of historic mining activities, and in  
11 consultation and coordination with the affected boards of  
12 county commissioners and other local governing bodies and  
13 agencies. The system shall expand upon the first  
14 designated historic mine trail and byway as established by  
15 this subsection, which shall link the gold mines located in  
16 South Pass City, Miners' Delight and Atlantic City,  
17 Wyoming, to the iron mines located near Atlantic City, to  
18 the uranium mines in the Crooks Gap and Gas Hills mining  
19 districts located in Fremont County, Wyoming.

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21           **Section 2.** W.S. 36-8-1401, 36-8-1402(c) and (d) and  
22 36-8-1403 are repealed.

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1           **Section 3.**

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3           (a) It is the intention and direction of the  
4 legislature that:

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6           (i) All duties of the Wyoming historic mine  
7 trail and byway commission with respect to the Wyoming  
8 historic mine trail and byway program be transferred to the  
9 department of state parks and cultural resources;

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11           (ii) All unexpended funds not otherwise  
12 obligated and any other property, if any, of the Wyoming  
13 historic mine trail and byway commission exclusively  
14 dedicated to the Wyoming historic mine trail and byway  
15 program be transferred to the department of state parks and  
16 cultural resources;

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18           (iii) Any contract, agreement or obligation  
19 entered into or assumed by the Wyoming historic mine trail  
20 and byway commission with respect to the Wyoming historic  
21 mine trail and byway program, if the execution or  
22 assumption was within the lawful powers of the Wyoming

1 historic mine trail and byway commission, be assumed by the  
2 department of state parks and cultural resources;

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4 (iv) Any policy adopted by the Wyoming historic  
5 mine trail and byway commission with respect to the Wyoming  
6 historic mine trail and byway program remain in effect  
7 unaltered as policy of the department of state parks and  
8 cultural resources until amended or repealed by the  
9 department of state parks and cultural resources.

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

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