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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

State parks-vehicle registration fees.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks; providing for fees to be
2 collected with vehicle registrations; providing for a
3 waiver of additional fees; providing for distribution of
4 additional fees; eliminating collection of daily use fees
5 at state parks for Wyoming registered passenger vehicles as
6 specified; 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. 31-3-101(a)(ii)(A), by creating a
11 new subsection (j), 31-3-103 by creating a new subsection
12 (m) and 36-4-121(a) by creating a new paragraph (xvii) are
13 amended to read:

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2 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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4 (a) Except as otherwise provided, the following fees
5 shall accompany each application for the registration of a
6 vehicle:

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8 (ii) A state registration fee computed as
9 follows:

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11 (A) Except as provided in subsection (j) of
12 this section, passenger cars~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00

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14 (j) A person who registers a passenger car may, at
15 the time of annual registration, certify that the person
16 does not intend to use state parks and may make a written
17 election not to pay five dollars (\$5.00) of the fee
18 provided for in subdivision (a)(ii)(A) of this section. If
19 a written election is made, five dollars (\$5.00) of the fee
20 required in that subdivision shall not be collected.

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22 **31-3-103. Distribution of fees; refunds.**

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1 (m) Of the fees collected pursuant to W.S. 31-3-
2 101(a)(ii)(A), five dollars (\$5.00) of each registration
3 for which an option to waive the fee as provided in W.S.
4 31-3-101(j) has not been made, shall be distributed to a
5 special revenue fund to be deposited as follows:

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7 (i) Fifty percent (50%) shall be deposited in an
8 operation and maintenance account within the special
9 revenue fund for purposes of providing for operation and
10 maintenance at state parks, recreation areas,
11 archaeological sites and historic sites; and

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13 (ii) Fifty percent (50%) shall be deposited in
14 the capital construction account created by W.S. 36-4-
15 121(h).

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17 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**
18 **areas and historic sites.**

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20 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
21 resources shall offer for sale permits that allow use of
22 the state parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and
23 historic sites. Daily use permits shall be required at

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

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22 (xvii) For any vehicle for which the full twenty
23 dollar (\$20.00) fee provided for in W.S. 31-3-101(a)(ii)(A)

1 has been collected, the occupants of the vehicle shall not
2 be required to pay a day-use fee for access to state parks.
3 Other fees for the use of state parks, such as overnight
4 camping fees, are still chargeable and may be collected by
5 the department.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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