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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Recreation Safety Act-minor liability waivers.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Recreation Safety Act; providing
2 that a parent or guardian may waive a minor's negligence
3 claim against a provider of a sport or recreational
4 opportunity as specified; prohibiting waivers by minors;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-1-122(a)(iii), by creating new
10 paragraphs (vi) and (vii) and by renumbering (vi) as (viii)
11 and 1-1-123 by creating a new subsection (e) are amended to
12 read:

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1-1-122. Definitions.

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(a) As used in this act:

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(vi) "Minor" means an unemancipated individual who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years;

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(vii) "Parent" means the legal guardian of a minor, the natural parent of a minor or if a minor has been legally adopted, the adoptive parent of the minor;

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~~(vi)~~ (viii) "This act" means W.S. 1-1-121 through 1-1-123.

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1-1-123. Assumption of risk; releases and waivers.

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(e) A parent may, on behalf of the parent's minor child, release or waive the minor's prospective claim for negligence against the provider of a sport or recreational opportunity in which the minor participates. The release or waiver shall be in writing and shall be signed by the minor's parent and need not be signed by the minor. A

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1 minor may not release or waive the minor's prospective
2 claim for negligence against the provider of a sport or
3 recreational opportunity without the accompanying signature
4 of a parent. A parent may not release or waive a minor's
5 prospective claim against the provider of a sport or
6 recreational opportunity for willful, wanton or reckless
7 acts.

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9 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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