

SENATE FILE NO. SF0132

Council on aging.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Sessions and Boggs and Representative(s) Alden, Parady, Reese and Robinson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the council on aging; renaming the  
2 council; amending membership as specified; expanding powers  
3 and duties of the council; providing for a repeal date; and  
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-1201, 9-2-1204(a)(vi),  
9 9-2-1206(a) and (b), 9-2-1207(a) and by creating new  
10 subsections (f) and (g) are amended to read:

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12 **9-2-1201. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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1           (i) "Council" means the council on aging  
2 established by W.S. 9-2-1206;

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4           ~~(i)~~(ii) "Senior citizen" means any person sixty  
5 (60) years of age or older;

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7           ~~(ii)~~(iii) "This act" means W.S. 9-2-1201 through  
8 9-2-1208.

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10           **9-2-1204. Powers and duties; rules and regulations;**  
11 **addressing problems of senior citizens; funds and grant**  
12 **awards; development of senior citizen programs; report to**  
13 **governor.**

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15           (a) The department of health shall:

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17           (vi) Receive and disburse funds authorized by  
18 P.L. 89-73, the "Older Americans Act", or funds  
19 appropriated by the legislature, or from private gifts or  
20 grants, after consultation and coordination with the  
21 council on aging;

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23           **9-2-1206. State council on aging; appointment;**  
24 **composition; term; representation; removal.**

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2 (a) The ~~department advisory~~ council on aging  
3 appointed pursuant to the "Older Americans Act", P.L.  
4 89-73, is established as the state ~~advisory~~ council ~~to a~~  
5 ~~designated division~~ on aging. Each member serving on the  
6 council as of ~~April 1, 1991~~ July 1, 2003, shall continue to  
7 serve until the normal expiration of his term and ~~any~~  
8 ~~member is eligible for reappointment~~ may be reappointed as  
9 provided in subsection (b) of this section.

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11 (b) Effective July 1, 2003, the council shall consist  
12 of ~~ten (10)~~ twenty-three (23) members one (1) from each  
13 county appointed by the ~~director~~ governor for terms of ~~four~~  
14 ~~(4)~~ two (2) years. ~~There shall be one (1) member of the~~  
15 ~~advisory council from each appointment district and one (1)~~  
16 ~~member each representing the pioneer home, the veteran's~~  
17 ~~home and the Wyoming retirement center. All appointments~~  
18 ~~shall be for a four (4) year term~~ from names submitted by  
19 members and project directors of the Wyoming senior  
20 citizens' centers. Members and project directors of the  
21 Wyoming senior citizens' centers in each appointment  
22 district shall develop processes for submitting names to  
23 the governor for appointment to the council. The ~~director~~  
24 governor may remove any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

1 The terms of members appointed after July 1, 2003 shall be  
2 staggered in a manner to ensure continuing experience on  
3 the council.

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5 **9-2-1207. State council; officers; meetings; quorum;**  
6 **records; expenses; powers and duties.**

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8 (a) The council shall elect each year from its  
9 members a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary in  
10 accordance with Robert's rules of order. The chairman  
11 shall appoint committees and chairmen of the committees as  
12 necessary. The chairman shall, in coordination and  
13 cooperation with the department set meetings, including the  
14 times and locations of meetings, establish agendas for  
15 meetings and conduct the meetings in accordance with  
16 Robert's rules of order.

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18 (f) Members appointed to the council shall:

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20 (i) Advocate for senior citizens in the state;

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22 (ii) Perform council or committee duties as  
23 directed by the chairman;

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1                   (iii) Attend meetings regularly; and

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3                   (iv) Assume responsibility for promoting the  
4 purposes of the council in their individual communities and  
5 associations.

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7                   (g) The council shall:

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9                   (i) Advise the governor and state agencies on  
10 the use of available and potential resources to meet the  
11 needs of senior citizens in the state;

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13                   (ii) In consultation and coordination with the  
14 division on aging and the Wyoming senior citizens' project  
15 directors' association:

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17                   (A) Undertake a wide range of advocacy,  
18 capacity building and systemic change activities directed  
19 at improving access to community services and supports for  
20 senior citizens;

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22                   (B) Provide for a mutual exchange of ideas  
23 and information on national, state and local levels.

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1           (iii) Make recommendations to the division on  
2 aging and the Wyoming senior citizens' project directors'  
3 association for needed improvements and additional  
4 resources to promote the welfare of senior citizens;

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6           (iv) Review and comment on all state plans that  
7 relate to programs affecting senior citizens. The comments  
8 shall be submitted to the governor, division on aging and  
9 Wyoming senior citizens' project directors' association;

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11           (v) Serve as an advisory and advocacy body in  
12 regard to proposed legislation affecting senior citizens;

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14           (vi) Submit names to the director of the  
15 department of health for his consideration in the  
16 appointment of an administrator for the division on aging;

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18           (vii) Provide recommendations to the division on  
19 aging on the preparation of a plan for the use of federal  
20 and state funds, including grants and legislative  
21 appropriations;

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23           (viii) Monitor, review and evaluate the  
24 implementation of federal and state funds, including grants

1 and legislative appropriations and make recommendations to  
2 the division on aging for the proposed use of those funds.  
3 The evaluation shall be sent to the governor, division on  
4 aging and Wyoming senior citizens' project directors'  
5 association.

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7       **Section 2.** The council shall exist until July 1,  
8 2005. Upon termination of the council, all its rights and  
9 properties shall pass to and be vested in the state.

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11       **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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