

SENATE FILE NO. SF0016

Public safety communications.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation and Highways Interim
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public safety communications; renaming
 2 the law enforcement communications commission; modifying
 3 the duties, composition and authority of the commission;
 4 providing definitions; conforming provisions; repealing a
 5 conflicting provision; 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. 9-2-1101, 9-2-1102(a)(intro), (i),
 10 (v), by creating new paragraphs (vii) through (xiv) and
 11 (c), 9-2-1103, 9-2-1104(a)(i), (v) and by creating a new
 12 paragraph (vi) and 9-2-1106(b)(i) and (ii) are amended to
 13 read:

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ARTICLE 11

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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9-2-1101. Commission; created; definitions.

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(a) The ~~law enforcement~~ public safety communications commission is created.

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(b) As used in W.S. 9-2-1101 through 9-2-1104: 7

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(i) "Public safety agency" means any federal, state or political subdivision entity that provides emergency and public safety services, including state agencies employing peace officers enumerated in W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi)(C) through (F) and approved for participation by the communications commission, fire management services, correctional services, emergency management, emergency and disaster relief services and if desired, county, municipal and federal law enforcement agencies;

(ii) "System" means the ~~highband radio~~ wireless communications network providing regional and statewide radio communications capabilities to ~~the Wyoming game and fish department, the Wyoming livestock board, the Wyoming highway patrol, the division of criminal investigation,~~

1 ~~office of the attorney general and other state agencies~~
2 ~~employing peace officers enumerated in W.S.~~
3 ~~6-1-104(a) (vi) (C) through (F) and approved for~~
4 ~~participation by the communications commission and if~~
5 ~~desired, to county, municipal and federal law enforcement~~
6 public safety agencies.

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8 **9-2-1102. Commission; composition; appointment of**
9 **members; removal; terms; officers; vacancies; meetings.**

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11 (a) The commission shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~
12 thirteen (13) voting members to be appointed by the
13 governor and who may be removed by the governor as provided
14 in W.S. 9-1-202. ~~One (1) member shall be appointed from the~~
15 ~~public-at-large and the remaining six (6)~~ The thirteen (13)
16 members shall be appointed from ~~a list of four (4) names~~
17 ~~submitted by~~ each of the following associations and
18 agencies from their membership:

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20 (i) Wyoming police chiefs and sheriffs'
21 association;

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23 (v) Wyoming ~~highway patrol; and~~ department of
24 transportation;

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(vii) Department of state parks and cultural resources;

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(viii) Wyoming fire chiefs' association;

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(ix) Wyoming state fire marshal;

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(x) Wyoming emergency management agency;

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(xi) The public at large;

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(xii) Wyoming ambulance and emergency medical services association;

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(xiii) Municipal government or a municipal government association; and

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(xiv) County government or a county government association.

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(c) The commission shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary. Vacancies in these offices shall be filled by the commission from its

1 membership. The commission shall meet at least once every
2 three (3) months. Appointments by the governor shall be
3 made within thirty (30) days of expiration of membership
4 terms. Nominee lists shall be furnished within ten (10)
5 days upon expiration of any membership term. Each ~~voting~~
6 member shall serve a three (3) year term. A vacancy on the
7 commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by the
8 governor. ~~from a list of two (2) names submitted within ten~~
9 ~~(10) days of the vacancy by the appointing association or~~
10 ~~agency.~~

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12 **9-2-1103. Commission; compensation of members.**

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14 ~~Voting~~ Members of the commission shall receive mileage and
15 per diem provided state employees.

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17 **9-2-1104. Commission; powers and duties; advisory**
18 **capacity to promote system development; public meetings;**
19 **clerical and administrative support.**

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21 (a) The commission shall:

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23 (i) Work with the state communications
24 consultant established by W.S. 9-2-1105, the administrator

1 of the information technology division of the department of
2 administration and information and the department of
3 transportation in an advisory capacity to promote the
4 development, improvement and efficiency of ~~law enforcement~~
5 public safety communications systems in the state;

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7 (v) Promulgate necessary rules and regulations
8 governing system operation and participation and upon
9 failure to comply with adopted rules and regulations, may
10 suspend system use and participation by any participating
11 and noncomplying ~~federal, state or local~~ public safety
12 ~~agency-~~ or private entity;

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14 (vi) Determine the participation of public
15 safety agencies and private entities in the wireless
16 communications network.

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18 **9-2-1106. Office of state law enforcement radio**
19 **communications consultant; qualifications; powers and**
20 **duties; generally.**

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22 (b) The consultant shall:

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1 (i) Provide technical assistance to ~~local law~~
2 ~~enforcement agencies~~ a public safety agency in the area of
3 radio communications;

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5 (ii) Advise the ~~law enforcement~~ public safety
6 communications commission ~~of the system~~ on technical
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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1102(a)(ii) is repealed.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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