

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0075

ENROLLED ACT NO. 3, SENATE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2007 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to economic development; creating the Wyoming tourism board; granting rulemaking authority; transferring tourism promotion to the Wyoming tourism board as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-12-901 and 9-12-902 are created to read:

ARTICLE 9
WYOMING TOURISM BOARD

9-12-901. Wyoming tourism board; creation; composition; appointment; terms; compensation.

(a) There is created the Wyoming tourism board. The board shall serve as the leading proponent of Wyoming's tourism and hospitality industry and shall provide governance and oversight for the division of travel and tourism.

(b) The board shall be comprised of nine (9) members who shall be employed in or associated closely with the travel industry. The board shall be appointed by the governor, and approved with the advice and consent of the senate, in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103, as follows:

(i) One (1) member shall be from tourism appointment district 1, consisting of Albany, Carbon and Laramie counties;

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(ii) One (1) member shall be from tourism appointment district 2, consisting of Converse, Goshen, Natrona, Niobrara and Platte counties;

(iii) One (1) member shall be from tourism appointment district 3, consisting of Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan and Weston counties;

(iv) One (1) member shall be from tourism appointment district 4, consisting of Lincoln, Sweetwater and Uinta counties;

(v) One (1) member shall be from tourism appointment district 5, consisting of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties;

(vi) One (1) member shall be from tourism appointment district 6, consisting of Fremont, Sublette and Teton counties;

(vii) Three (3) members shall be at-large members appointed to provide geographic and tourism industry balance.

(c) Each appointed member shall serve for three (3) years, except that the initial appointments of the members shall be:

(i) One (1) year for one (1) of the at-large members and the members appointed from tourism appointment district 2 and tourism appointment district 5;

(ii) Two (2) years for one (1) of the at-large members and the members appointed from tourism appointment district 1 and tourism appointment district 3; and

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(iii) Three (3) years for one (1) of the at-large members and the members appointed from tourism appointment district 4 and tourism appointment district 6.

(d) No appointed member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.

(e) The board shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its members.

(f) The governor may remove any member as provided by W.S. 9-1-202.

(g) Members of the board shall receive mileage and per diem for attending board meetings or other meetings as assigned by the board, in the same amount as state legislators and shall receive no other compensation for serving on the board.

(h) For purposes of this article, "board" means the Wyoming tourism board.

9-12-902. General powers and duties of the board; rulemaking authority.

(a) The board shall be responsible for implementing the tourism program and functions assigned to the Wyoming business council under the Wyoming Economic Development Act, including the expenditure of all funds appropriated for the tourism program and shall:

(i) Assemble and distribute information concerning the scenic and recreational opportunities and resources of Wyoming;

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(ii) Encourage close cooperation between public and private agencies engaged in stimulating recognition of Wyoming recreational resources;

(iii) Implement programs to promote tourism in Wyoming.

(b) The board shall assign a member to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Wyoming business council.

(c) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this article.

Section 2. W.S. 9-12-107(a) and 2006 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 35, Section 85, footnote 1 are repealed.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk