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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

State parks and historic sites-fees.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and historic sites;  
2 increasing use fees; providing for additional fees for  
3 developed campgrounds; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-4-121(a)(i) through (xii), by  
8 creating a new paragraph (xiv) and by renumbering (xiv) as  
9 (xv) is amended to read:

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11 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**  
12 **areas and historic sites.**

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

subsection (n) of this section, the cost of the permits authorized under this section shall be:

(i) ~~Twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ Thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) per calendar year for a resident annual bucking horse daily use permit and ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ fifty-three dollars (\$53.00) for a nonresident annual bucking horse daily use permit to designated state parks, historic sites, archeological sites and recreation areas, valid for the holder and occupants of the holder's vehicle, provided resident permits purchased pursuant to this paragraph between January 1 through February 15 of each year shall cost ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) and nonresident permits purchased during the same period shall cost ~~thirty five dollars (\$35.00)~~ forty-six dollars (\$46.00);

(ii) ~~Thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ Forty dollars (\$40.00) per calendar year for an annual resident overnight camping permit, and ~~sixty dollars (\$60.00)~~ seventy-nine dollars (\$79.00) per calendar year for an annual nonresident overnight camping permit, authorizing overnight camping at designated state parks, historic sites,

1 archeological sites and recreation areas for the holder and  
2 occupants of the holder's vehicle;

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4 (iii) Except as provided under paragraph (a)(v)  
5 of this section, ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ four dollars (\$4.00)  
6 for residents and ~~four dollars (\$4.00)~~ six dollars (\$6.00)  
7 for nonresidents for the daily use fee for designated state  
8 parks, archeological sites and recreation areas, valid for  
9 the date of purchase for the holder and occupants of the  
10 holder's vehicle and for the holder entering the park or  
11 area by bicycle, horseback or on foot;

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13 (iv) Except as provided under paragraph (a)(v)  
14 of this section, ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) per  
15 person for residents and ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ four dollars  
16 (\$4.00) per person for nonresidents for the daily use fee  
17 for designated state historic sites, valid for the date of  
18 purchase for the holder only. The fee is not required for  
19 persons under the age of eighteen (18) years;

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21 (v) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Three dollars (\$3.00)  
22 per person for the daily use fee for buses used in guided  
23 tours at designated state parks, historic sites and

1 recreation areas, valid for the date of purchase only. The  
2 bucking horse annual permit authorized under paragraphs  
3 (a)(i) and (ii) of this section is not valid for and shall  
4 not be issued to buses used for purposes specified under  
5 this paragraph. The fee imposed under this paragraph shall  
6 not apply to persons under the age of eighteen (18) years;

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8 (vi) ~~Four dollars (\$4.00)~~ Six dollars (\$6.00)  
9 per night for residents and ~~eight dollars (\$8.00)~~ eleven  
10 dollars (\$11.00) for nonresidents for overnight camping at  
11 any designated state park, historic site, archeological  
12 site and recreation area valid for the date of purchase and  
13 the following day until 3:00 p.m. for the holder and  
14 occupants of the holder's vehicle;

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16 (vii) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars (\$7.00)  
17 for each additional vehicle annual bucking horse ~~entrance~~  
18 daily use permit issued under subsection (b) of this  
19 section;

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21 (viii) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars  
22 (\$7.00) for each additional vehicle annual resident or

1 nonresident overnight camping permit issued under  
2 subsection (b) of this section;

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4 (ix) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars (\$7.00)  
5 for each duplicate annual bucking horse ~~entrance~~ daily use  
6 permit issued under subsection (c) of this section;

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8 (x) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars (\$7.00)  
9 for each duplicate annual resident overnight camping permit  
10 issued under subsection (c) of this section;

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12 (xi) Any group may be charged a fee of not more  
13 than ~~seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~ ninety-nine dollars  
14 (\$99.00) for a twenty-four (24) hour period for the use of  
15 the lodges located at Curt Gowdy or Buffalo Bill State  
16 Parks;

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18 (xii) Any group may be charged a fee of not more  
19 than ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ sixty-six dollars (\$66.00) for  
20 a twelve (12) hour period for a group picnic shelter and  
21 adjacent grounds located at any department location;

1            (xiv) An amenities fee which is in addition to  
2 any other fee specified in this section may be charged for  
3 camping in campsites designated by the commission as  
4 campsites containing added amenities. Added amenities may  
5 include sites with electrical hookups, showers or camping  
6 structures. An amenities fee may be charged at any park,  
7 area or site under the jurisdiction of the department,  
8 regardless of whether a daily use or camping fee has been  
9 established by law. The amount of the fee shall be set by  
10 rule and regulation but shall not exceed fifteen dollars  
11 (\$15.00) per night for electrical hookups, showers or other  
12 amenities or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per night for  
13 sites with camping structures;

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15            ~~(xiv)~~ (xv) Waived for the following:

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17            **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2009.

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19            (END)