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INTRODUCTION**

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

Duty owed to employees of independent contractors.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to duties of care; defining the duties of  
2 worksite owners to employees of independent contractors on  
3 the worksite; providing a definition; and providing for an  
4 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. 1-1-131 is created to read:

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10 **1-1-131. Duties of worksite owners.**

1 An owner of a worksite who retains the right to direct the  
2 manner of an independent contractor's performance, or who  
3 assumes affirmative duties with respect to safety, owes a  
4 duty of reasonable care to an employee of the independent  
5 contractor even if the employee is injured doing the very  
6 work the contractor was hired to perform. As used in this  
7 section, "owner of a worksite" means the person who has the  
8 right to control the workplace.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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