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SENATE FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

State fair.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands  
and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state fair; eliminating certain  
2 qualifications for collecting premium awards; extending the  
3 time to remove improvements; clarifying duties of the state  
4 fair manager; making conforming amendments; repealing the  
5 allocation of funds to county fair associations; and  
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-10-101 through 11-10-108,  
11 11-10-111 and 11-10-115 are amended to read:

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1           **11-10-101. Department of agriculture to conduct;**  
2 **where held; purpose; awards generally.**

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4 The department ~~of agriculture~~ shall hold an annual state  
5 fair at Douglas, Wyoming, where all important products of  
6 the state shall be recognized according to merit by  
7 premiums or rewards for excellence offered out of an  
8 appropriation provided by the legislature. ~~No person shall~~  
9 ~~collect any award until he furnishes to the department, if~~  
10 ~~requested, a complete history in writing of how the exhibit~~  
11 ~~was produced and all other information concerning the entry~~  
12 ~~that would be of interest or benefit to the general public.~~

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14           **11-10-102. Supervision generally.**

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16 The general charge and supervision of the state fair is  
17 under the director. ~~of the department of agriculture.~~ The  
18 director may employ a competent manager and other employees  
19 necessary for the proper conduct and management of the fair  
20 and fairgrounds. The director is responsible for the proper  
21 disbursement of all funds appropriated for the operation  
22 and maintenance of the fair.

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1           **11-10-103. Reversion of fairgrounds to donor.**

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3    If the state fails for three (3) consecutive years to hold  
4    a state fair, the lands used for the purpose of a state  
5    fair shall revert to the person donating them, the state  
6    having the right to remove all buildings, fences and  
7    improvements of whatever nature within ~~three (3)~~twenty-four  
8    (24) months after the date on which the fair should have  
9    been held. All buildings, fences and improvements remaining  
10   on the land after the expiration of the ~~three (3)~~ twenty-  
11   four (24) months shall become the property of the owner of  
12   the land.

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14           **11-10-104. Catalogues.**

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16   At least three (3) months before any annual fair, the  
17   manager, upon approval of the director, ~~of the department~~  
18   ~~of agriculture~~ shall have a catalogue prepared and copies  
19   ~~sent to the county clerks of the state~~ available for  
20   distribution to any person requesting it.

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22           **11-10-105. Entry fees.**

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1 A fee may be charged for any in-state or out-of-state  
2 exhibit to be entered in the state fair at an amount set by  
3 the manager, subject to approval by the director ~~of the~~  
4 ~~department of agriculture~~ and the board.

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6 **11-10-106. Admission charges; other revenues.**

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8 (a) There shall be charged at the gates of the  
9 fairground an admission fee to be set by the manager,  
10 subject to approval by the director and the board. An extra  
11 charge may be made for seats in the grandstand or other  
12 structure providing added comforts. The charge for vehicles  
13 driven or stock ridden into the grounds may be fixed by the  
14 manager, subject to approval by the director and the board.  
15 All fees collected shall be deposited in the Wyoming state  
16 fair account.

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18 (b) The department ~~of agriculture~~ may receive any  
19 money or property of any kind or character donated,  
20 granted or bequeathed for any activities of the state fair.  
21 Monies shall be credited to the state fair account. The  
22 department shall submit an annual report to the joint

1 appropriations committee itemizing all gifts, income and  
2 expenditures under this subsection.

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4 **11-10-107. Power of board to acquire land; authority**  
5 **to make rules and regulations; renting and use of**  
6 **fairgrounds; gambling and liquor prohibited.**

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8 The board may acquire by donation or lease in the name of  
9 the state any lands necessary for conducting the state  
10 fair, and may make all rules and regulations necessary for  
11 the conduct and government of the exhibitions, the sale of  
12 privileges, and the proper control, operation and conduct  
13 of the state fair not inconsistent with the constitution  
14 and laws of this state. The manager, under the authority  
15 granted by the director and the board may rent out or  
16 donate the use of the state fairgrounds for stabling and  
17 training stock and holding stock sales. The grounds may be  
18 used free of charge for encampment grounds for the state  
19 militia under the direction of the adjutant general of the  
20 state. The manager, under the authority granted by the  
21 director and the board, ~~in its discretion~~ may permit the  
22 grounds and facilities to be used for other purposes and  
23 may charge fees as it deems necessary to pay the expenses

1 of maintaining the grounds and facilities. The board shall  
2 not permit any gambling device of any nature to be operated  
3 on the grounds, or permit any unlawful betting, or permit  
4 any intoxicating liquors to be sold thereon except as  
5 provided by W.S. 12-4-505.

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7 **11-10-108. Rodeos; generally.**

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9 The director ~~of the department of agriculture~~ and the board  
10 may provide a rodeo as part of the state fair program,  
11 provided there is no restriction on any Wyoming resident  
12 who desires to participate in the rodeo other than the  
13 prescribed entry fee, unless the restriction is required by  
14 a sanctioning body as part of the terms and conditions to  
15 sanction the rodeo. Any contract entered into with any  
16 person to provide entertainment under this section is void  
17 if it in any manner excludes a Wyoming resident from  
18 participation in the entertainment because of membership or  
19 nonmembership in any organization or group.

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21 **11-10-111. Reports.**

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1 The director ~~of the department of agriculture~~ shall make  
2 reports as required by W.S. 9-2-1014 in regard to the state  
3 fair.

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5 **11-10-115. State fair advisory board; membership.**

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7 (a) There is created the state fair advisory board  
8 which shall serve as advisor to the board of agriculture on  
9 the operation of the state fair and the operation and  
10 maintenance of the state fairgrounds. The state fair  
11 advisory board shall consist of ten (10) members, one (1)  
12 member appointed by each of the seven (7) members of the  
13 board of agriculture appointed pursuant to W.S.  
14 11-2-102(b), one (1) member appointed by the Converse  
15 county board of commissioners, one (1) member appointed by  
16 the dean of the University of Wyoming college of  
17 agriculture from the Wyoming cooperative extension service,  
18 and one (1) member selected by the Wyoming vocational  
19 agriculture teachers association from its membership. The  
20 state fair advisory board members shall receive no salary  
21 in the performance of their duties but shall receive  
22 mileage and per diem the same as state employees as  
23 provided by W.S. 9-3-102.

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2 (b) The state fair advisory board member appointed by  
3 the Converse county board of commissioners, the state fair  
4 advisory board member appointed by the dean of the  
5 University of Wyoming college of agriculture and the state  
6 fair advisory board member selected by the Wyoming  
7 vocational agriculture teachers association shall serve a  
8 four (4) year term. All other state fair advisory board  
9 members shall serve at the pleasure of the person who  
10 appointed the state fair advisory board member and in no  
11 event shall the term of any state fair advisory member  
12 exceed the corresponding term of the appointing board of  
13 agriculture member.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-10-110 is repealed.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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