

SENATE FILE NO. SF0167

High voltage power lines.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Jennings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming High Voltage Power Lines and
2 Safety Restrictions Act; modifying references to "high
3 voltage overhead lines" as specified; modifying clearances
4 to overhead lines as specified; and providing for an
5 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. 37-3-303(a)(intro) and (i),
10 37-3-304(a) and (b), 37-3-305 and 37-3-306(a)(ii) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **37-3-303. Activity near overhead line; safety**
14 **restrictions.**

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16 (a) Unless danger against contact with ~~high-voltage~~
17 any overhead lines has been effectively guarded against as

1 provided by W.S. 37-3-304 a person or business entity,
2 individually or through an agent or employee or as an agent
3 or employee, shall not:

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5 (i) Require any other person to perform any act
6 if at any time during the performance of the act it is
7 possible that the actor could move or be moved closer to
8 any ~~high voltage~~ overhead line or if it is possible that
9 any part of any tool or material used by the actor could be
10 moved closer to any ~~high voltage~~ overhead line during the
11 performance of the act than the following clearances as
12 provided by the national electric safety code:

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14 (A) For lines rated fifty (50) kilovolts or
15 less, ~~six (6)~~ ten (10) feet of clearance;

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17 (B) For lines rated over fifty (50)
18 kilovolts, ~~six (6)~~ ten (10) feet plus four-tenths (.4) of
19 an inch for each kilovolt over fifty (50) kilovolts.

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21 **37-3-304. Activity in close proximity to lines;**
22 **clearance arrangements; procedure; payment; notice.**

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1 (a) If any person or business entity desires to
2 temporarily carry on any act in closer proximity to any
3 ~~high voltage~~ overhead line than permitted by ~~this act~~
4 37-3-303(a)(i)(A) or (B), the person or business entity
5 responsible for performing the work shall promptly notify
6 the appropriate public utility and shall ask the public
7 utility for assistance. An agent or employee of the public
8 utility shall prepare and sign a memorandum stating the
9 public utility received a request for assistance. The
10 person or business entity may perform the work only after
11 developing satisfactory safety arrangements, including
12 coordination of work and construction schedules, with the
13 public utility. Arrangements may include placing temporary
14 mechanical barriers to prevent contact between material,
15 equipment or persons and ~~the high voltage~~ any overhead
16 lines or temporary shut down and grounding or temporary
17 relocation or raising of the ~~high voltage~~ overhead lines.

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19 (b) Except where the public utility has installed
20 lines within ten (10) feet of an existing fixture or
21 structure the person or business entity responsible for
22 performing the work in the vicinity of the ~~high voltage~~
23 overhead lines shall pay the public utility's actual
24 expenses in providing safety arrangements. The public

1 utility is not required to begin the safety arrangements
2 until a written agreement for payment has been made.

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4 **37-3-305. Indemnification.**

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6 If a violation of this act results in physical or
7 electrical contact with any ~~high voltage~~ overhead line, the
8 person or business entity violating this act is liable to
9 the public utility for all damages to the facilities and
10 all costs and expenses, including damages to third parties,
11 incurred by the public utility as a result of the contact.

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13 **37-3-306. Exemptions.**

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15 (a) This act shall not apply to:

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17 (ii) Any person lawfully occupying the land on
18 which the ~~high voltage~~ overhead line is located and
19 engaging in the regular and ordinary functions and
20 activities of farming, ranching or other agricultural
21 functions and activities.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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