

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0193

Universally accessible campgrounds.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dv. and Davison
and Senator(s) Fecht and Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and historical sites;
2 providing for campsites to be improved and maintained as
3 specified; providing for a special permit fee; specifying
4 use of fees; providing an appropriation and providing for a
5 continuous appropriation; and providing for an effective
6 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. 36-4-124 is created to read:

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12 **36-4-124. Accessible campsites.**

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14 (a) The department of state parks and natural
15 resources shall, through maintenance or improvements of
16 five percent (5%) of the currently existing campsites at

1 Boysen, Buffalo Bill, Curt Gowdy, Glendo, Guernsey,
2 Keyhole, Seminoe and Sinks Canyon state parks, Connor
3 Battlefield state historic site, Medicine Lodge state
4 archeological site and Hawk Springs state recreation area,
5 construct accessible campsites which shall contain at a
6 minimum:

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8 (i) A twenty (20) foot by fifty (50) foot level
9 concrete parking pad;

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11 (ii) A sixteen (16) foot by twenty (20) foot
12 level concrete pad with accessible table;

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14 (iii) An electric pedestal with fifty-thirty-
15 twenty (50-30-20) service;

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17 (iv) A fire ring grill and pedestal grill; and

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19 (v) An accessible route to a restroom.

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21 (b) In rustic areas where the department determines
22 concrete pads cannot be practicably constructed as provided
23 in subsection (a) of this section, the use of gravel fines
24 or compacted native soil may be substituted in the

1 construction of the concrete pads. In improving or
2 maintaining the campsites specified in this section the
3 department may consult any applicable state or federal
4 materials containing recommendations for the construction
5 of campsites in compliance with the Americans with
6 Disabilities Act.

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8 (c) Eighty percent (80%) of the funds collected from
9 the special fee authorized by W.S. 36-4-121(a)(xiv) for
10 overnight camping at the campsites specified in this
11 section shall be deposited in an account and are
12 continuously appropriated to the department to pay the
13 electrical fees and maintenance costs of the campsites
14 specified in this section. The remaining funds collected
15 from the special fee authorized by W.S. 36-4-121(a)(xiv)
16 for overnight camping at the campsites specified in this
17 section shall be deposited in a capital construction
18 account and expended in accordance with W.S. 36-4-121(h).

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 36-4-121(a) by creating a new
21 paragraph (xiv) and by renumbering (xiv) as (xv) is amended
22 to read:

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1 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**
2 **areas and historic sites.**

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

1 without cost pursuant to subsection (n) of this section,
2 the cost of the permits authorized under this section shall
3 be:

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5 (xiv) A special fee of not more than five
6 dollars (\$5.00) per night may be charged for overnight
7 camping in campsites specified in W.S. 36-4-124. This
8 special fee may be charged in addition to the daily or
9 annual overnight camping permit fee.

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

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13 (A) Persons needing to pass through a state
14 park or historic site to access private property shall be
15 exempt from the entrance permit requirements of this
16 section;

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18 (B) Persons needing access to a state park
19 or historic site to conduct official business or only to
20 access a private commercial business without further use of
21 the state park or historic site shall be exempt from the
22 entrance permit requirements of this section;

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1 (C) School groups on school sanctioned
2 events including events sanctioned by educational programs
3 defined under W.S. 21-4-101(a)(iii), (iv) and (v), and
4 residents and staff of publicly owned homes or institutions
5 while on official agency functions shall be exempt from the
6 entrance permit requirements of this section;

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8 (D) Not for profit groups or organizations
9 needing access to a state park or historic site to provide
10 volunteer assistance or services that have been previously
11 agreed upon by the department of state parks and cultural
12 resources shall be exempt from the permit requirements of
13 this section.

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15 **Section 3.** For the purposes of this act for the
16 fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this act
17 and ending June 30, 2008, there is appropriated from the
18 general fund to the department of state parks and cultural
19 resources one million four hundred twenty-five thousand
20 dollars (\$1,425,000.00).

1 **Section 4.** 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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