

SENATE FILE NO. SF0075

Wyoming tourism board.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; creating the
2 Wyoming tourism board; granting rulemaking authority;
3 transferring tourism promotion to the Wyoming tourism board
4 as specified; and providing for an 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. 9-12-901 and 9-12-902 are created to
9 read:

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ARTICLE 9

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WYOMING TOURISM BOARD

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14 **9-12-901. Wyoming tourism board; creation;**
15 **composition; appointment; terms; compensation.**

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1 (a) There is created the Wyoming tourism board. The
2 board shall serve as the leading proponent of Wyoming's
3 tourism and hospitality industry and shall provide
4 governance and oversight for the division of travel and
5 tourism.

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7 (b) The board shall be comprised of nine (9) members
8 who shall be employed in or associated closely with the
9 travel industry. The board shall be appointed by the
10 governor, and approved with the advice and consent of the
11 senate, in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through
12 28-12-103, as follows:

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14 (i) One (1) member shall be from tourism
15 appointment district 1, consisting of Albany, Carbon and
16 Laramie counties;

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18 (ii) One (1) member shall be from tourism
19 appointment district 2, consisting of Converse, Goshen,
20 Natrona, Niobrara and Platte counties;

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22 (iii) One (1) member shall be from tourism
23 appointment district 3, consisting of Campbell, Crook,
24 Johnson, Sheridan and Weston counties;

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2 (iv) One (1) member shall be from tourism
3 appointment district 4, consisting of Lincoln, Sweetwater
4 and Uinta counties;

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6 (v) One (1) member shall be from tourism
7 appointment district 5, consisting of Big Horn, Hot
8 Springs, Park and Washakie counties;

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10 (vi) One (1) member shall be from tourism
11 appointment district 6, consisting of Fremont, Sublette and
12 Teton counties;

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14 (vii) Three (3) members shall be at-large
15 members appointed to provide geographic and tourism
16 industry balance.

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18 (c) Each appointed member shall serve for three (3)
19 years, except that for the initial appointments three (3)
20 members shall be appointed for two (2) years and three (3)
21 members shall be appointed for one (1) year. No appointed
22 member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3)
23 year terms.

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1 (d) The board shall select a chairman and a vice-
2 chairman from among its members.

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4 (e) The governor may remove any member as provided by
5 W.S. 9-1-202.

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7 (f) Members of the board shall receive mileage and
8 per diem for attending board meetings or other meetings as
9 assigned by the board, in the same amount as state
10 legislators and shall receive no other compensation for
11 serving on the board.

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13 (g) For purposes of this article, "board" means the
14 Wyoming tourism board.

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16 **9-12-902. General powers and duties of the board;**
17 **rulemaking authority.**

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19 (a) The board shall be responsible for implementing
20 the tourism program and functions assigned to the Wyoming
21 business council under the Wyoming Economic Development
22 Act, including the expenditure of all funds appropriated
23 for the tourism program and shall:

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1 (i) Assemble and distribute information
2 concerning the scenic and recreational opportunities and
3 resources of Wyoming;

(ii) Encourage close cooperation between public and private agencies engaged in stimulating recognition of Wyoming recreational resources;

9 (iii) Implement programs to promote tourism in
10 Wyoming.

12 (b) The board shall assign a member to attend all
13 regularly scheduled meetings of the Wyoming business
14 council.

16 (c) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations
17 necessary to implement this article.

19 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-12-107(a) and 2006 Wyoming Session
20 Laws, Chapter 35, Section 85, footnote 1 are repealed.

22 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

24 (END)