

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0157

Abolition of worthier title doctrine.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Connolly, Gingery,
Greene and Krone

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to property conveyances; abolishing the
2 doctrine of worthier title; and providing for an effective
3 date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 34-1-137 is amended to read:

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9 **34-1-137. Fees tail prohibited; future interests of**
10 **fees tail; worthier title doctrine abolished.**

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12 (a) The creation of fees tail is not permitted. The
13 use in an otherwise effective conveyance of property of
14 language appropriate to create a fee tail, creates a fee
15 simple in the person who would have taken a fee tail. Any
16 future interest limited upon such an interest is a

1 limitation upon the fee simple and its validity is
2 determined accordingly.

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4 (b) The doctrine of worthier title is abolished as a
5 rule of law and as a rule of construction. Language in a
6 will, trust agreement, beneficiary designation or other
7 governing instrument describing the beneficiaries of a
8 disposition as "heirs," "heirs at law," "next of kin,"
9 "distributees," "relatives" or "family" or language of
10 similar import, does not create or presumptively create a
11 reversionary interest in the transferor.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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15 (END)