

SENATE FILE NO. SF0007

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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13 11-10-101. Department of agriculture to conduct;
14 where held; purpose; awards generally.

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

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

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

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21 **11-10-103. Reversion of fairgrounds to donor.**

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23 If the state fails for three (3) consecutive years to hold
24 a state fair, the lands used for the purpose of a state

1 fair shall revert to the person donating them, the state
2 having the right to remove all buildings, fences and
3 improvements of whatever nature within ~~three (3) twenty-~~
4 four (24) months after the date on which the fair should
5 have been held. All buildings, fences and improvements
6 remaining on the land after the expiration of the ~~three (3)~~
7 twenty-four (24) months shall become the property of the
8 owner of the land.

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

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

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18 **11-10-105. Entry fees.**

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

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1 **11-10-106. Admission charges; other revenues.**

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3 (a) There shall be charged at the gates of the
4 fairground an admission fee to be set by the manager,
5 subject to approval by the director and the board. An extra
6 charge may be made for seats in the grandstand or other
7 structure providing added comforts. The charge for vehicles
8 driven or stock ridden into the grounds may be fixed by the
9 manager, subject to approval by the director and the board.

10 All fees collected shall be deposited in the Wyoming state
11 fair account.

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13 (b) The department ~~of agriculture~~ may receive any
14 money or property of any kind or character donated,
15 granted or bequeathed for any activities of the state fair.
16 Monies shall be credited to the state fair account. The
17 department shall submit an annual report to the joint
18 appropriations committee itemizing all gifts, income and
19 expenditures under this subsection.

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21 **11-10-107. Power of board to acquire land; authority**
22 **to make rules and regulations; renting and use of**
23 **fairgrounds; gambling and liquor prohibited.**

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1 The board may acquire by donation or lease in the name of
2 the state any lands necessary for conducting the state
3 fair, and may make all rules and regulations necessary for
4 the conduct and government of the exhibitions, the sale of
5 privileges, and the proper control, operation and conduct
6 of the state fair not inconsistent with the constitution
7 and laws of this state. The manager, under the authority
8 granted by the director and the board may rent out or
9 donate the use of the state fairgrounds for stabling and
10 training stock and holding stock sales. The grounds may be
11 used free of charge for encampment grounds for the state
12 militia under the direction of the adjutant general of the
13 state. The manager, under the authority granted by the
14 director and the board, ~~in its discretion~~ may permit the
15 grounds and facilities to be used for other purposes and
16 may charge fees as it deems necessary to pay the expenses
17 of maintaining the grounds and facilities. The board shall
18 not permit any gambling device of any nature to be operated
19 on the grounds, or permit any unlawful betting, or permit
20 any intoxicating liquors to be sold thereon except as
21 provided by W.S. 12-4-505.

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23 **11-10-108. Rodeos; generally.**

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

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13 **11-10-111. Reports.**

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

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19 **11-10-115. State fair advisory board; membership.**

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21 (a) There is created the state fair advisory board
22 which shall serve as advisor to the board of agriculture on
23 the operation of the state fair and the operation and
24 maintenance of the state fairgrounds. The state fair

1 advisory board shall consist of ten (10) members, one (1)
2 member appointed by each of the seven (7) members of the
3 board of agriculture appointed pursuant to W.S.
4 11-2-102(b), one (1) member appointed by the Converse
5 county board of commissioners, one (1) member appointed by
6 the dean of the University of Wyoming college of
7 agriculture from the Wyoming cooperative extension service,
8 and one (1) member selected by the Wyoming vocational
9 agriculture teachers association from its membership. The
10 state fair advisory board members shall receive no salary
11 in the performance of their duties but shall receive
12 mileage and per diem the same as state employees as
13 provided by W.S. 9-3-102.

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15 (b) The state fair advisory board member appointed by
16 the Converse county board of commissioners, the state fair
17 advisory board member appointed by the dean of the
18 University of Wyoming college of agriculture and the state
19 fair advisory board member selected by the Wyoming
20 vocational agriculture teachers association shall serve a
21 four (4) year term. All other state fair advisory board
22 members shall serve at the pleasure of the person who
23 appointed the state fair advisory board member and in no
24 event shall the term of any state fair advisory member

1 exceed the corresponding term of the appointing board of
2 agriculture member.

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

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

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