

SENATE FILE NO. SF0043

Title 19-veterans' commission duties.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to military affairs; establishing the
2 Wyoming national guard museum and specifying its oversight
3 by the veterans' commission; specifying duties of the
4 veterans' commission; requiring the promulgation of rules;
5 authorizing the employment of a veterans' commission
6 director and staff; renumbering related statutes; and
7 providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-110 is created to read:

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13 **19-14-110. Description and declaration of Wyoming**
14 **national guard museum.**

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1 The lands in Laramie county described as follows are hereby
2 declared to be the Wyoming national guard museum to be
3 managed by the military department: a parcel of land
4 beginning at a point 1400.604 feet west and 80 feet north,
5 of the southeast corner of section 30, township 14 north,
6 range 66 west, thence north, parallel to the east line of
7 section 30, on the first course, 266 feet, thence west
8 parallel to the south line of section 30, on the second
9 course 313.07 feet, thence south on the third course,
10 parallel to said east line of section 30, 266 feet, thence
11 east along the fourth course, parallel to the south line of
12 section 30, 315 feet to the point of beginning, and also
13 known as all of block eight (8), Airport Addition to the
14 City of Cheyenne, Wyoming, as shown by the replat of said
15 Airport Addition on file and of record in the office of the
16 county clerk in and for said Laramie county, said replat
17 being filed on October 1, 1935, as No. 287212.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 19-14-107(c)(iii), (iv) and by
20 creating new paragraphs (v) through (xii) is amended to
21 read:

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23 **19-14-107. Creation of veterans' commission;**
24 **composition; terms.**

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2 (c) The commission shall:

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4 (iii) Make recommendations to the legislature
5 and to the governor concerning veterans;~~and~~

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7 (iv) Adopt policies and procedures necessary to
8 administer the veteran burial team account pursuant to W.S.
9 19-14-109~~i~~;

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11 (v) Prepare, maintain and distribute
12 information, by printed material or otherwise, to educate
13 Wyoming veterans and their families regarding veterans'
14 benefits, healthcare and disability claims and other
15 matters relevant to veteran status;

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17 (vi) Provide oversight and administrative
18 services for the operation of any veterans' cemetery
19 authorized by W.S. 19-14-108, including but not limited to
20 establishing cemetery directors and advisory boards;

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22 (vii) Provide oversight over any state veterans'
23 memorial museum authorized under W.S. 19-14-111 or national
24 guard museum authorized under W.S. 19-14-110;

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(viii) Provide assistance to Wyoming veterans and their families for the filing and processing of veterans' benefits, veterans' healthcare benefits and United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability claims;

(ix) Administer all vehicle licensing obligations required of the commission pursuant to title 31;

(x) Maintain and administer the veterans' commission expendable trust fund pursuant to rules and procedures which shall be promulgated by the commission and approved by the military department;

(xi) To the extent the employment of an executive director would aid in accomplishing the duties required by this section and benefit Wyoming veterans, appoint or retain an executive director for such period, upon such terms and conditions and for such compensation as the commission may deem appropriate. An executive director may hire and supervise such other staff as may be

1 authorized by the commission and shall be administratively
2 supported by the military department;

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4 (xii) Perform such other and further tasks as
5 are necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this
6 section, as are beneficial to Wyoming veterans or as
7 required by the legislature.

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9 **Section 3.** W.S. 19-7-107 is renumbered as 19-14-111.

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

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16 (END)