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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0108
Chapter No.: 192
Prime Sponsor: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee
Catch Title: Ski Safety Act.
Subject: Creates the Ski Safety Act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Wyoming Recreation Safety Act establishes an assumption of risk for persons who take part in any sport or recreational opportunity. This act removes skiing in ski areas from the listing of activities which constitute a sport or recreational opportunity under the Recreation Safety Act.
- The act creates the Ski Safety Act. The act imposes duties on ski area operators to:
 - Post certain signs and warning notices on trails, near ski lifts and at ticket sales buildings;
 - Mark or identify ski area boundaries and closed trails;
 - Equip ski area vehicles with lights and flags;
 - Inspect, operate and maintain ski lifts in accordance with national standards; and
 - Mark hydrants, waters pipes and other man-made structures on slopes and trails.
- The act provides skiers shall observe all posted information and other signs and warnings and are presumed to have seen and understood the signs, warnings and other information.
- The act provides skiers expressly accept and assume the inherent risks of skiing and are legally responsible for damage, injury or death to persons or property that result from the inherent risks in skiing. The act specifically defines “inherent risks” with regard to skiing in a ski area.
- Violations by any person or ski area operator of the Ski Safety Act, to the extent the violation causes damage, injury or death to person or property, constitutes evidence of negligence. Actions based upon negligence wherein the damage, injury or death is not the result of an inherent risk of skiing are preserved according to law.

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