

**Bill No.:** SF0122 **Effective:** 7/1/2020 12:00:00 AM

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**Chapter No.:** 77

**Prime Sponsor:** Dockstader

**Catch Title:** **Public utilities-liability exemption.**

**Subject:** Public utility exemption from civil liability.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- The bill codifies a common law exemption from civil liability for public utilities.
- The bill provides that a public utility is not liable for damages to real or personal property or damages for claims resulting from economic losses in any civil action against the public utility for a catastrophe caused by an act of God. However:
  - The exemption shall not apply to damages if a negligent, willful, wanton or reckless act of the public utility was a proximate cause of the catastrophe;
  - The Wyoming Governmental Claims Act shall prevail should any grant of immunity, exception or imposition of liability within that Act conflict with this exemption.

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