

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0242

State land leases-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman and Walters and
Senator(s) Hicks and Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; authorizing leases of state
2 lands for residential purposes; specifying lease
3 requirements for residential leases of qualified state
4 lands; amending and specifying lease terms; amending the
5 scope of regulations concerning leases of state lands;
6 providing definitions; requiring rulemaking; and providing
7 for effective dates.

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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. 36-5-114(a), (d) and by creating new
12 subsections (e) and (f) is amended to read:

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1 36-5-114. Leasing for industrial, residential,
2 commercial and recreational purposes; authority; rental
3 fees; rules and regulations.

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5 (a) The board of land commissioners may lease for a
6 term of not more than ~~seventy five (75)~~ ninety-nine (99)
7 years state lands for industrial, commercial and
8 recreational purposes. The board may lease for a term of
9 not more than ninety-nine (99) years state lands for
10 residential purposes, subject to the requirements of
11 subsection (e) of this section.

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13 (d) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations
14 implementing policies, procedures and standards for the
15 long-term leasing of state lands for industrial,
16 residential, commercial and recreational purposes under the
17 provisions of W.S. 36-5-114 through 36-5-117, including
18 provisions ~~requiring compliance with all applicable land~~
19 ~~use planning and zoning laws and~~ permitting the board to
20 terminate a lease for good cause shown.

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1 (e) The leasing of qualified state lands for
2 residential purposes shall be subject to the following
3 requirements:

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5 (i) Residential leases shall be for portions of
6 state lands not to exceed eight (8) acres;

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8 (ii) The lease rate shall be variable and
9 adjusted annually based on the Wyoming cost-of-living index
10 computed by the department of administration and
11 information, division of economic analysis;

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13 (iii) Residential leases shall only be made for
14 qualified state lands for which there is already
15 established access to the land from a public road;

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17 (iv) A residential lessee of qualified state
18 lands shall assume all responsibility for complying with
19 all fence and fencing requirements, including requirements
20 established by rule of the board to ensure that any
21 potential grazing conflicts are mitigated.

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