ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0125</u>

ENROLLED ACT NO. 19, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to labor and employment; requiring the director of the department of workforce services to provide information and guidance to employers and employees regarding workplace injuries; requiring reporting; making a conforming amendment; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-2-2602(b)(vi), (vii), by creating a new paragraph (viii) and by creating a new subsection (d) and 27-14-801(e) by creating a new paragraph (iv) are amended to read:

9-2-2602. Director of department; appointment; removal; duties.

- (b) The director shall:
- (vi) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations
 in compliance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
 Act; and
- (vii) Appoint a separate administrator for each of the divisions of the department of workforce services and may discharge the administrators as provided in W.S. 9-2-1706(c)(ii): and

wiii) Provide information and guidance to employers and employees regarding workplace injuries as specified under this paragraph. The director shall widely disseminate information about the resources available to employers and employees under this paragraph and shall provide information and guidance regarding:

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- (A) The rights and responsibilities of employers and employees under the law;
- (B) The administrative processes available for resolving workers' compensation claims when an employer and employee are subject to the Worker's Compensation Act;
- (C) The completion of forms required under any applicable administrative process;
- (D) Available local, state and federal financial assistance, rehabilitation and work placement programs, as well as other social services that the director considers appropriate; and
- (E) Available liability insurance or industrial insurance providers offering coverage for self-insured employers.
- (d) Not later than October 2 of each year, the department shall include information regarding optional employers and their classifications in the report required under W.S. 27-14-201(c).

27-14-801. Duties of director.

- (e) The director shall:
- <u>(iv) Provide information and guidance to employers and employees as provided by W.S. 9-2-2602(b)(viii).</u>
- **Section 2.** The director of the department of workforce services shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act on or before July 1, 2022.

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Section 3.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.
- (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House		Pres	ident of	the Senate
	Gover	nor		
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I hereby certify tha	t this act	originate	d in th	e House.
Chief Clerk				