

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0017

Veterans facilities-surrounded by grazing.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; authorizing the state board
2 of land commissioners to lease state lands surrounding
3 specified veterans' facilities only for grazing;
4 restricting disposition of state lands as specified; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-5-106 is amended to read:

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11 **36-5-106. Richard Bridge historical park; Oregon**
12 **Trail State Veterans' Cemetery buffer zone; veterans' home**
13 **and skilled nursing facility buffer zone.**

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1 (a) The state board of land commissioners is hereby
2 authorized and empowered, if after investigation and study
3 the board deems it to the best interest of the state of
4 Wyoming, to enter into a lease agreement with the town of
5 Evansville, Wyoming, for a portion of the land belonging to
6 the state of Wyoming lying south of the centerline of the
7 North Platte River in section 36, township 34 north, range
8 79 west of the sixth principal meridian, Natrona county,
9 Wyoming. The lease authorized herein shall contain a clause
10 restricting the use of the leased property to historical
11 landmark, park, recreation, museum and municipal purposes.
12 The land leased shall be known as Richard Bridge historical
13 park.

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15 (b) The state board of land commissioners is hereby
16 authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement
17 for the portions of land belonging to the state of Wyoming
18 in Natrona county, Wyoming, one (1) portion of land
19 described as follows: the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ and the NE ¼ of
20 the NW ¼ and part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ and part of the
21 SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ and part
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1 the SE ¼ and part of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ and part of the
2 SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 36, township 34 north, range 79
3 west, also known as all lying north of the centerline of
4 the North Platte river except 115.998 acres in the NE ¼,
5 containing 266.34 acres, and one (1) portion of land
6 located and being a portion of lot 1 in the NW ¼ of section
7 31, township 34 north, range 78 west containing 19.63
8 acres. The state lands described in this subsection shall
9 not be otherwise disposed of, and any lease authorized
10 herein shall contain a clause restricting the use of the
11 leased property to grazing purposes only, subject to
12 approval by the Wyoming adjutant general, so long as the
13 Oregon Trail State Veterans' Cemetery exists in the
14 adjacent location. The land leased shall be known as the
15 Oregon Trail State Veterans' Cemetery buffer zone.

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17 (c) The state board of land commissioners is hereby
18 authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement
19 for the portions of land belonging to the state of Wyoming
20 in Johnson county, Wyoming, described as follows: in
21 township 50 north, range 82 west of the sixth principal
22 meridian part of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 3, the N ½
23 and SW ¼ and NW ¼ of the SE ¼ and part of the NE ¼ of the

1 SE ¼ and part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 4 and the
2 E ½ of section 5 and in township 51 north, range 82 west of
3 the sixth principal meridian part of lot 7, part of lot 8
4 and part of lot 6 of section 34, containing 941.74 acres
5 more or less. The state lands described in this subsection
6 shall not be otherwise disposed of, and any lease
7 authorized herein shall contain a clause restricting the
8 use of the leased property to grazing purposes only,
9 subject to approval by the Wyoming adjutant general, so
10 long as the veterans' home of Wyoming and the Wyoming
11 veterans' skilled nursing facility exist in the adjacent
12 location. The land leased shall be known as the veterans'
13 home and skilled nursing facility buffer zone.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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