

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0011

State land lease amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; removing specific types of
2 payments for land lease payments; amending the process for
3 how state land lease payments are made; providing that
4 state land lease renewals and rental payments are
5 considered filed on the date the renewal or rental is
6 postmarked; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-5-118 is created to read:

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12 **36-5-118. Renewal of state land leases and rental**
13 **payments.**

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1 All state land lease renewal applications and rental
2 payments required under this act that are submitted using a
3 mail service shall be deemed filed on the date of the
4 postmark stamped on the envelope in which the renewal
5 application or rental payment is mailed.

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7 **Section 2.** W.S. 36-5-103 is amended to read:

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9 **36-5-103. Application for lease; cancellation of**
10 **application.**

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12 Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to
13 lease state lands for agricultural and grazing purposes
14 shall file with the director an application on the form
15 approved by the board, which must be accompanied by the
16 regular filing fee, and ~~a certified check, bank draft,~~
17 ~~cashier's check, post office or express money order, cash~~
18 ~~or personal check acceptable to the director~~ payment for
19 the full amount of the first year's rental offered. ~~;~~ ~~and~~ If
20 there are improvements owned by another located upon said
21 lands, the applicant must also transmit in the manner above
22 provided, the estimated amount of the value of the
23 improvements as listed in his application, and in the event

1 the successful applicant fails, refuses or neglects to
2 complete the lease awarded, or otherwise fails, refuses, or
3 neglects to comply with the provisions of this act, or the
4 rules and regulations of the board, after having been given
5 thirty (30) days notice by registered mail, the application
6 shall be cancelled and the sum remitted as rentals and
7 twenty-five percent (25%) of the sum remitted for
8 improvements shall be retained by the board as liquidated
9 damages; and the sum paid as rental shall be paid by the
10 director to the state treasurer and credited by him to the
11 proper permanent land income fund account, and the sum paid
12 for improvements shall be credited to the general fund.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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