

Bill No.: HB0072 **Effective:** 7/1/2025

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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0048

Chapter No.: 94

Prime Sponsor: Lawley

Catch Title: **Protecting privacy in public spaces act.**

Has Report: No

Subject: Specifying requirements for the use of sex-designated public facilities.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides that each multi-occupancy restroom, changing area, and sleeping quarters that are located in a public facility or educational facility must be designed for use exclusively by males or exclusively by females. The act specifies that no person shall enter a multi-occupancy changing area, restroom, or sleeping quarters designated for males or females unless the person is a member of that sex.
- For purposes of this act, public facilities include those owned, operated, or leased by a state or local governmental entity. Educational facilities are those owned, operated, or leased by the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming community college. K-12 schools are not included.
- The requirements of the act do not apply to single-occupancy areas, employees who enter for cleaning or in the performance of their official duties, persons who enter to render medical assistance or caregiving assistance, during athletic competitions under specified circumstances, or in times of natural disasters or emergencies.
- The act provides a cause of action against a governmental entity that owns, operates, or leases a public facility when a person encounters another person of the opposite sex in a restroom, changing area, or sleeping quarters designated for the person's sex. A person who prevails in this type of cause of action is entitled to actual damages and may recover reasonable attorney fees and costs from the governmental entity.
- The act also provides a cause of action against a governmental entity that owns, operates, or leases an educational facility when a person encounters another person of the opposite sex in a restroom, changing area, or sleeping quarters designated for the person's sex. A person who prevails in a cause of action concerning an educational facility may recover five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the educational facility, monetary damages for all harm suffered and reasonable attorney fees and costs.

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- The act amends the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act to provide an exception for governmental entities to be liable for violations of this act.

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