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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Non-motorized recreational trail fee.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and cultural resources;
2 establishing a non-motorized recreational trail fee as
3 specified; providing for administration of the fee; creating
4 an account and providing for continuous appropriation of the
5 account; providing for a voluntary fee for search and rescue
6 operations; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 36-4-124 is created to read:

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12 **36-4-124. Non-motorized recreational trail fee.**

1 (a) Any adult that uses a designated non-motorized
2 recreational trail in Wyoming shall annually obtain a non-
3 motorized recreational trail permit under this section.
4 Permits under this section shall expire on December 31 of the
5 year the permit is issued. The annual fee for permits shall
6 be ten dollars (\$10.00). Permits under this section shall not
7 be required in any location where the department determines
8 that another fee, such as a parking lot fee, makes the fee
9 under this subsection unnecessary. There is hereby created
10 the non-motorized recreational trails account. Funds
11 deposited to the account are continuously appropriated to the
12 department of state parks and cultural resources for
13 administration of the non-motorized recreational trail
14 program and as provided in paragraph (v) of this subsection.
15 The department shall:

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17 (i) By rule, designate trails on state land in
18 Wyoming that require a non-motorized trail permit under this
19 subsection and shall publish the list of designated trails;

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21 (ii) Furnish numbered permits and application
22 forms to selling agents and authorize selling agents to retain
23 one dollar (\$1.00) of each permit fee collected. The selling

1 agent shall forward the completed application form and the
2 remainder of the permit fee to the department as provided in
3 W.S. 36-4-123(b). The permit under this paragraph may be a
4 decal or other form as determined by the department;

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6 (iii) For each nine dollar (\$9.00) fee received by
7 the department under this section, deposit one dollar (\$1.00)
8 to the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account
9 created by W.S. 9-15-103(a) and the remainder to the non-
10 motorized recreational trails account;

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12 (iv) Provide a process for individual users and
13 user groups to be provided one (1) or more permits without
14 the assessment of a fee based on the documented number of
15 hours that the user or group volunteered to maintain
16 designated trails;

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18 (v) Consult with the Wyoming trails advisory
19 council to determine the establishment and maintenance of
20 adequate non-motorized trails in Wyoming. Funds in the non-
21 motorized recreational trails account shall be used for the
22 establishment, operation and maintenance of trails under this
23 paragraph;

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2 (vi) Establish a process for users to pay an
3 additional voluntary fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to fund search
4 and rescue activities at the time of payment for a permit
5 under this section. Any voluntary fees collected under this
6 paragraph shall be deposited in the search and rescue account
7 created by W.S. 19-13-301.

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 19-13-301(a) is amended to read:

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11 **19-13-301. Search and rescue account; created;**
12 **expenditures.**

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14 (a) The search and rescue account is created. Fees
15 identified in W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-201, 31-2-404, 31-2-409,
16 31-2-703, 36-4-124(a)(vi), 41-13-109 and 41-13-110 shall be
17 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of this account.

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19 **Section 3.** The department shall adopt rules necessary
20 to implement the non-motorized recreational trail program
21 created by this act not later than July 1, 2020.

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23 **Section 4.**

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2 (a) Section 3 of this act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as
4 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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6 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this
7 section, this act is effective July 1, 2020.

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