

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0084

Approval of bridge designs, plans and specifications.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highways; specifying that requirements
2 for county bridge designs, plans and specifications apply
3 to cities and towns; requiring notice to the department of
4 transportation of a constructed bridge; eliminating
5 department of transportation preapproval of bridge designs,
6 plans and specifications for counties, cities and towns;
7 and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 24-1-132(a), (c) through (g) and
12 24-2-106(a)(iii) are amended to read:

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14 **24-1-132. Contracts for county, city and town bridge**
15 **work; bids; exception.**

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2 (a) The board of county commissioners of any county
3 or governing body of any city or town shall cause to be
4 prepared comprehensive plans and specifications for the
5 construction of ~~bridges~~ any bridge on any dedicated and
6 maintained ~~county~~-road in its jurisdiction.

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8 (c) When any bridge is to be constructed, which
9 includes either new construction or reconstruction of major
10 load carrying bridge components, upon any ~~county~~-road in a
11 county's, city's or town's jurisdiction, the estimated cost
12 of which shall exceed twenty-five thousand dollars
13 (\$25,000.00), the construction work shall be competitively
14 bid and the bridge work constructed by contract. No
15 contract shall be divided for the purpose of avoiding
16 competitive bidding. The construction work may be described
17 in the published call for bids by stating general
18 requirements. Detailed specifications shall be available to
19 prospective bidders at the county commissioner's office or
20 offices of the governing body of the city or town.

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22 (d) All bridges to be constructed shall be designed
23 by a professional engineer who holds a valid certificate of

1 registration granted by the state board of examining
2 engineers of the state of Wyoming. ~~Plans and specifications~~
3 ~~shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of W.S.~~
4 ~~24-2-106.~~

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6 (e) The board of county commissioners of any county
7 or governing body of any city or town shall cause notices
8 of the contract to be let to be published for two (2)
9 consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation
10 within the state and to take any other means available to
11 achieve as wide a notice as possible, but in no case shall
12 any letting of the contract be held within fifteen (15)
13 days of the last published notice.

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15 (f) ~~All contracts shall be awarded by the county~~
16 ~~commissioners~~ The board of county commissioners, or
17 governing body of the city or town shall award any contract
18 to the lowest responsible bidder. The county commissioners
19 ~~shall reserve~~ or governing body reserves the right to
20 reject any ~~and all bids~~ bid and to waive irregularities and
21 informalities in the bidding. No final payment upon any
22 contract shall be made until the bridge is examined and
23 approved by the professional engineer who designed the

1 bridge and the payment approved by the county commissioners
2 or governing body of the city or town or their designees.
3 Within ninety (90) days of the bridge being opened to
4 traffic the board of county commissioners or governing body
5 of the city or town shall notify and provide the design,
6 plans, specifications and load rating for the bridge to the
7 chief engineer of the department of transportation so that
8 the department may comply with national bridge inspection
9 standards.

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11 (g) Whenever an emergency arises requiring
12 expenditure of funds for the repair or rebuilding of
13 bridges or approaches to bridges the board of county
14 commissioners or governing body of any city or town may
15 enter into contract for any building or rebuilding of
16 bridges or approaches without advertising for the letting
17 of any contract. An emergency is an occasion requiring
18 repair or rebuilding of a bridge or a portion of a bridge
19 when, on short notice, the bridge has become unsafe or
20 impassable due to events which are beyond the control of
21 the county, city or town.

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1 **24-2-106. Appointment of chief engineer; duties of**
2 **director and engineer.**

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4 (a) With the approval of the commission, the director
5 of the department of transportation shall appoint a
6 qualified chief engineer who shall:

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8 (iii) Furnish standard plans, specifications and
9 data to any board of county commissioners or city or town
10 governing body upon request, and advise with ~~boards of~~
11 ~~county commissioners~~ a county, city or town with respect to
12 highway and bridge construction and improvements not within
13 the jurisdiction of the department when requested;

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 24-2-106(a)(iv) and (b) is repealed.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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