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[DIVIDED AMENDMENT] (CORRECTED COPY)

Hutchings 1 Delete the Committee of the Whole amendment 2 (SF0081SW001/A) entirely; 3 4 Bouchard Committee of Whole Delete the the amendment 5 (SF0081SW003/A) entirely and further amend as follows: 6 7 Page 1-lines 1 through 13 Delete entirely. 8 9 Pages 2 through 13 Delete entirely and insert: 10 11 "An ACT relating to firearms; prohibiting the enforcement of unconstitutional federal actions that infringe upon the right to 12 13 bear arms; prohibiting the expenditure of public funds to enforce 14 unconstitutional federal actions; authorizing executive orders and 15 other actions to implement the act; providing for representation 16 by the Wyoming attorney general of Wyoming citizens charged by the 17 United States government under federal laws that unconstitutionally infringe upon the right to bear arms; providing 18 19 rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation; and providing 20 for an effective date. 21 22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming: 23 24 Section 1. W.S. 9-14-103 is created to read: 25 9-14-103. Prohibition on enforcement of certain federal 26 laws; procedures. 27 28 Upon the issuance of an executive order authorized under (a) 29 this section, no public officer or employee of this state or any 30 political subdivision of this state, shall enforce, attempt to enforce or assist a federal agency or agent in the enforcement of 31 any federal action which is the subject of the executive order. 32 33 34 (b) Twenty-five (25) or more adult Wyoming residents, or an organization representing twenty-five (25) or more adult Wyoming 35 residents, may file a petition requesting a review by the Wyoming 36 37 attorney general of any federal action as defined in this section 38 which was issued or enacted on or after July 1, 2021. The petition 39 may include relevant views and arguments regarding the 40 infringement of the federal action upon the constitutional right 41 to keep and bear arms. The attorney general shall review the 42 federal action and publicly issue a determination of whether the

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1 action unconstitutionally infringes upon the right to keep and 2 bear arms under the second amendment to the constitution of the 3 United States. The attorney general shall issue the determination 4 not later than thirty (30) days after the petition was received. 5 The attorney general shall prescribe by rule the form of the 6 petition and the procedure for its submission, consideration and 7 disposition.

9 (c) At any time after the submission of the petition, if the 10 attorney determines general the federal action is 11 unconstitutional, and if the governor independently determines the 12 federal action appears to unconstitutionally infringe on the 13 second amendment right to keep and bear arms, and further 14 determines that prohibiting enforcement of the federal action under this section is in the best interests of the state, the 15 governor may issue an executive order directing public officers 16 17 and employees of this state or a political subdivision of the state 18 that they are not to enforce, attempt to enforce or assist a 19 federal agency or agent in the enforcement of the specified federal 20 action.

(d) No public officer or employee of this state or of a political subdivision of the state shall expend public funds or allocate public resources for the enforcement of a federal action which is the subject of an executive order issued under this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or otherwise limit a public officer and employee of this state or of a political subdivision of the state from cooperating in an action with a federal agency if the primary purpose of the action is not enforcement of a federal action subject to an executive order issued under this section.

35 (f) As used in this section, "federal action" includes laws, 36 executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, 37 statutes and ordinances issued or enacted by the federal executive 38 or legislative branches.

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Section 2. W.S. 9-14-101 is amended to read:

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- 9-14-101. Second amendment defense.

44 <u>(a)</u> The attorney general may seek to intervene or file an 45 amicus curiae brief in any lawsuit filed in any state or federal 46 court in Wyoming, or filed against any Wyoming citizen or firm in 47 any other jurisdiction for damages for injuries as a result of the

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use of fire arms that are not defective, if in his judgment, the action endangers the constitutional right of citizens of Wyoming to keep and bear arms. The attorney general is directed to advance arguments that protect the constitutional right to bear arms. Before intervening in any lawsuit pursuant to this section, the attorney general shall obtain the approval of the governor.

8 (b) The attorney general shall defend any citizen of Wyoming 9 who is prosecuted by the United States government for violation of 10 any federal action which is the subject of an executive order 11 issued pursuant to W.S. 9-14-103(c).

13 **Section 3.** The attorney general of the state of Wyoming may 14 coordinate with the attorneys general of other states which have 15 enacted laws similar to this act to develop appropriate responses 16 to federal actions which violate the second amendment to the 17 constitution of the United States.

19 Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2021.

20 (END)".

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21 To the extent required by this amendment, renumber as necessary.
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