

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0032

State parks-special events.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks; providing for special
2 events at state parks, recreation areas, archeological
3 sites and historic sites; providing for a waiver of permit
4 fees for special events; providing for a separate fee for
5 special events; providing for the deposit, appropriation
6 and use of fees; 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. 36-4-121(a)(xiii) and by creating a
11 new subsection (n) is amended to read:

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13 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**
14 **areas and historic sites.**

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1 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
2 resources shall offer for sale permits that allow use of
3 the state parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and
4 historic sites. Daily use permits shall be required at
5 Glendo, Guernsey, Curt Gowdy, Edness Kimball Wilkins,
6 Buffalo Bill, Boysen, Seminoe and Keyhole state parks and
7 Fort Bridger, South Pass City, Trail End, Fort Fetterman
8 and Fort Phil Kearney state historic sites, and Hawk
9 Springs state recreation area. The department may
10 establish voluntary pay stations at Bear River and Hot
11 Springs state parks to allow users of those parks to make
12 voluntary contributions for the use of the state parks.
13 Persons who enter or use Bear River or Hot Springs state
14 park without paying daily use fees shall not be subject to
15 the penalties provided for in subsection (j) of this
16 section. Overnight camping permits shall be required at
17 Boysen, Buffalo Bill, Curt Gowdy, Glendo, Guernsey,
18 Keyhole, Seminoe and Sinks Canyon state parks, Connor
19 Battlefield state historic site, Medicine Lodge state
20 archeological site and Hawk Springs state recreation area
21 by the department during the entire calendar year. The cost
22 of the permits authorized under this section shall be:

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1 (xiii) Upon written request of a group
2 sponsoring a special event or upon the department's
3 sponsorship of a special event, the director of the
4 department may, with the approval of the parks and cultural
5 resources commission, waive any fees required under this
6 subsection. A fee which may exceed the daily use permit
7 fee specified in this section may be charged for entry to
8 special events. Holders of annual bucking horse daily or
9 overnight permits may be charged the special event fee. A
10 special event fee may be charged at any park, area or site
11 under the jurisdiction of the department, regardless of
12 whether a daily use fee has been established by law;

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14 (n) The department is authorized to sponsor special
15 events and to contract with groups sponsoring special
16 events at state parks, recreation areas, archeological
17 sites or historic sites. A special event fee may be charged
18 as provided in paragraph (a)(xiii) of this section. All
19 funds received from special events sponsored by the
20 department shall be deposited in special events account
21 within the enterprise fund. The funds deposited within the
22 account are continuously appropriated to and may be
23 expended by the department to conduct special events

1 directly or pursuant to contracts entered under this
2 subsection.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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