

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0276

Recording legislative and other meetings.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Halverson, Barlow, Brown,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; requiring the
2 legislative service office to record interim committee
3 meetings and other meetings as specified; providing that
4 communications audible on a recording are not privileged as
5 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-8-105(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (vii) and 28-8-116(a)(intro) and by creating a
11 new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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13 **28-8-105. Duties of director and staff; prefiling**
14 **bills; fiscal notes.**

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1 (a) It shall be the duty of the director and staff to
2 perform the following specific functions, together with
3 such other functions as the council may prescribe:
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5 (vii) Prepare an audio recording of each meeting
6 of a joint interim committee, select committee or other
7 meeting held in a public forum of any task force or group
8 that is staffed by the office and post a copy of the
9 recording to the website of the legislature within one (1)
10 month of the last day of the meeting. The contents of any
11 recording made under this paragraph shall not be construed
12 to supersede the official written record of the meeting
13 that reflects formal action or recommendation when approved
14 and signed by the committee or task force chairman or head
15 of another group. Nothing in this paragraph shall require
16 an audio recording of any portion of a meeting which is
17 conducted in executive session and nothing in this
18 paragraph shall be deemed to waive or modify any law
19 related to public records, public meetings or the
20 legislature. The failure of audio recording capability
21 shall not delay the proceedings of the meeting. The failure
22 to record a meeting as provided by this paragraph shall not
23 affect the validity of any action taken at the meeting.

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28-8-116. Confidential communications.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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