

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0130

Optional unoccupied home fee.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Yin and Schwartz and  
Senator(s) Gierau

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to county authority to regulate unoccupied  
2 properties; authorizing counties to impose a fee on  
3 unoccupied residential dwellings as specified; providing for  
4 use of revenues generated for a county property tax relief or  
5 refund program or an affordable housing program; and  
6 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. 18-2-116 is created to read:

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12 **18-2-116. Property fees.**

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14 (a) A county by resolution adopted by the board of  
15 county commissioners may impose a fee on residential

1 dwellings within the county that remain unoccupied for more  
2 than one hundred eighty (180) days per year subject to the  
3 provisions of this section. The fee may be based upon the  
4 total square footage of the dwelling, the ground floor square  
5 footage of the dwelling or other dwelling size specified in  
6 the resolution. The resolution shall provide appropriate  
7 provisions to administer and enforce the fee.

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9 (b) Any fee imposed under subsection (a) of this  
10 section shall be distributed as follows:

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12 (i) Ninety-five percent (95%) shall be retained by  
13 each county treasurer to be used for the following as the  
14 county commissioners direct:

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16 (A) A property tax relief or refund program  
17 specified in the resolution of the county commissioners; or

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19 (B) An affordable housing program that is  
20 specified by resolution of the county commissioners.

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1           (ii) Five percent (5%) shall be retained by the  
2 treasurer of the county in which the fee was imposed for  
3 administration and enforcement.

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5           (c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not  
6 apply to:

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8           (i) Residential dwellings with a fair market value  
9 as determined by the records of the county assessor of less  
10 than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) unless a  
11 higher threshold is included in the county commissioner's  
12 resolution adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
13 section, not to exceed a threshold of one million dollars  
14 (\$1,000,000.00);

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16           (ii) Residential dwellings which are inaccessible  
17 for ninety (90) or more days per year;

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19           (iii) Other dwellings exempt by the board of  
20 county commissioners in the resolution adopted pursuant to  
21 subsection (a) of this section.

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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