

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0255

Game and fish-partners.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Western

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; allowing for the game and
2 fish commission to designate official nonprofit partners as
3 specified; providing requirements and obligations for
4 official nonprofit partners; requiring rulemaking; and
5 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. 23-1-306 is created to read:

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11 **23-1-306. Official nonprofit partners; requirements;**
12 **limitations; liability.**

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14 (a) With the consent of the corporation, the
15 commission may designate one (1) or more corporations
16 exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the

1 Internal Revenue Code as an official nonprofit partner. The
2 board of directors of any official nonprofit partner
3 designated under this subsection shall include one (1)
4 member of the commission and the director of the department
5 as nonvoting members.

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7 (b) Any official nonprofit partner designated under
8 this section shall:

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10 (i) Be dedicated to fundraising and supporting
11 the priorities and objectives of the department;

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13 (ii) Be dedicated to projects and initiatives
14 consistent with the priorities and objectives of the
15 department;

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17 (iii) Provide an annual report showing the
18 identity of all donors and the amount each person or entity
19 donated as well as all expenditures or other disposal of
20 money donated.

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22 (c) Any official nonprofit partner designated under
23 this section may:

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2 (i) Accept gifts, grants and donations to
3 further the department's objectives, including gifts,
4 grants or donations made in the name of the department;

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6 (ii) Organize and manage accounts for local
7 nonprofit partners or other organizations to benefit a
8 specific department project or initiative;

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10 (iii) Create and fund positions and execute
11 contracts to accomplish department projects or initiatives.
12 No public funds shall be expended for this purpose.

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14 (d) The department shall not be liable for any acts
15 or omissions of any official nonprofit partner. No debts,
16 bonds, notes or other obligations incurred by any official
17 nonprofit partner shall constitute an indebtedness or
18 obligation of the state of Wyoming nor shall any act of any
19 official nonprofit partner constitute or result in the
20 creation of an indebtedness of the state.

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22 (e) The commission shall not designate any
23 corporation as an official nonprofit partner that is unable

1 to meet all the obligations and requirements of subsection
2 (b) of this section.

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4 (f) The commission shall promulgate any rules and
5 regulations necessary consistent with the requirements of
6 this section.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-1-102(a) by creating a new
9 paragraph (xix) and 23-1-302(a) by creating a new paragraph
10 (xxxiii) are amended to read:

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12 **23-1-102. General definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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16 (xix) "Official nonprofit partner" means any
17 corporation designated by the commission as an official
18 nonprofit partner in accordance with W.S. 23-1-306.

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20 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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22 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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