

**Bill No.:** SF0120 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

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**Enrolled Act No.:** SEA No. 0094

**Chapter No.:** 181

**Prime Sponsor:** Barlow

**Catch Title:** Restoration of civil rights.

**Subject:** Provides for the loss and restoration of civil rights, including the right to use or possess a firearm.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- This act provides that a person who has been convicted of a felony loses the right to use or possess a firearm in addition to the loss of voting rights, the right to sit on a jury and hold a public office.
- This act also provides that a person may have their civil rights restored, including the right to use or possess a firearm, when five (5) years have passed since the person has completed their sentence, including any applicable parole or probationary period, and the person has not been convicted of any other felony offense.
- When a person is eligible to have their civil rights restored, the Department of Corrections shall issue a certificate noting the restoration of those rights. After July 1, 2023, the certificate issued by the Department shall be the same certificate issued to a person who is eligible to have their voting rights restored as provided by Wyoming statute. If a person is eligible to have their civil rights restored prior to July 1, 2023, the Department shall issue a separate certificate upon written request of the person seeking restoration.
- The Department shall notify the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that the person has had their right to use or possess a firearm restored. The Department shall also file a copy of the certificate of restoration with the Secretary of State. If a person who has been issued a certificate of restoration is convicted of a new felony, the certificate is void.
- This act also creates a new misdemeanor offense to make it unlawful for any person who has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a felony that is not a violent felony pursuant to Wyoming statute to use or possess a firearm.
- The Department of Corrections is authorized one at-will employment contract position to implement the provisions of the act.

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