

SENATE FILE NO. SF0091

Petroglyph, pictograph and historic inscription protection.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses and state lands;
2 creating a misdemeanor offense for injury to petroglyphs,
3 pictographs and historic inscriptions; providing penalties;
4 providing for the surveying of petroglyphs and pictographs
5 on state lands; providing an appropriation; and providing
6 for effective dates.

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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. 36-1-116(a) and by creating a new
11 subsection (e) is amended to read:

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13 **36-1-116. Protection of prehistoric ruins; penalty.**

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15 (a) Except as provided by ~~subsection~~subsections (d)
16 and (e) of this section, any person violating any of the

1 provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
2 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
3 or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned
4 in the county jail not more than six (6) months, or by both
5 fine and imprisonment, and shall forfeit to the state all
6 articles and materials discovered by or through his
7 efforts.

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9 (e) Any person who breaks, breaks off, cracks, carves
10 upon, writes, or otherwise marks upon or in any manner
11 destroys, mutilates, injures, defaces, removes, displaces,
12 mars or harms petroglyphs, pictographs or historic
13 inscriptions without consent of the state board of land
14 commissioners is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined
15 not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00),
16 imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

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18 **Section 2.** There is appropriated four hundred
19 forty-one thousand three hundred forty dollars
20 (\$441,340.00) from the general fund to the department of
21 state parks and cultural resources for the purposes of
22 surveying, documenting and three-dimensional modeling,
23 internally or through a consultant, all known petroglyphs

1 and pictographs on state, school and institutional land in
2 Wyoming. No survey conducted pursuant to this section shall
3 access private lands without first notifying and consulting
4 with the landowner. This appropriation shall be for the
5 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
6 ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be
7 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
8 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
9 appropriation shall not revert until June 30, 2028. It is
10 the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not
11 be included in the department of state parks and cultural
12 resources' standard budget for the immediately succeeding
13 fiscal biennium.

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1 **Section 3.**

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3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

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6 (b) Section 2 of this act is effective immediately
7 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become
8 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
9 Constitution.

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