

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0097

Property conveyances near critical infrastructure.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to homeland security; amending duties of
2 county clerks, the division of criminal investigation and
3 the director of the office of homeland security for
4 identification of conveyances near critical infrastructure;
5 repealing requirements to provide a list of designated
6 critical infrastructure zones to the county clerks;
7 amending and creating definitions; and providing for an
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-618(b)(vi), 18-3-402(a)(xxvi),
13 19-13-104(d)(vi), 19-13-501(a)(i), (iv)(A) and by creating
14 a new paragraph (vi) and 19-13-502(c) and (d) are amended
15 to read:

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1 9-1-618. Agents to be safeguarded as peace officers;
2 general assistance to state, county or local authorities;
3 investigative duties.

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5 (b) The division shall investigate:

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7 (vi) Conveyances, ~~leases and leasehold interests~~
8 as defined by 19-13-501(a)(i), within or near designated
9 critical infrastructure zones. ~~as reported by county clerks~~
10 ~~in accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and 19-13-502.~~ The
11 division may investigate whether ~~the any~~ conveyance, ~~lease~~
12 ~~and leasehold interest~~ reported by county clerks in
13 accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and 19-13-502 may result in
14 a threat to national or state security or whether the
15 conveyance, ~~lease and leasehold interest~~ involves a
16 designated country or person as defined by W.S.
17 19-13-501(a)(iv). The attorney general or, with the
18 attorney general's approval, the division may subpoena
19 witnesses, compel their attendance and require the
20 production of records and other evidence to determine:

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22 (A) Whether a conveyance, ~~lease and~~
23 ~~leasehold interest~~ within five (5) miles of a designated

1 critical infrastructure zone threatens national or state
2 security;

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4 (B) Whether a conveyance, ~~lease and~~
5 ~~leasehold interest~~ involves a designated country or person
6 as defined by W.S. 19-13-501(a)(iv);

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8 (C) The actual identity of a party to a
9 conveyance, ~~lease and leasehold interest~~ within five (5)
10 miles of a designated critical infrastructure zone.

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12 **18-3-402. Duties generally.**

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14 (a) The county clerk shall:

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16 (xxvi) Report all conveyances, ~~within five (5)~~
17 ~~miles of a designated critical infrastructure zone as~~
18 ~~defined by W.S. 19-13-501(a)(i),~~ to the director of the
19 office of homeland security and the division of criminal
20 investigation in accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and
21 19-13-502.

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1 **19-13-104. Powers of governor generally; director,**
2 **office of homeland security.**

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4 (d) The position of the director, office of homeland
5 security is created in the governor's office and shall be
6 appointed by the governor. He shall be responsible to the
7 governor and may be removed by the governor as provided in
8 W.S. 9-1-202. The director shall:

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10 (vi) Consult the governor and assist the
11 attorney general and division of criminal investigation on
12 the designation of critical infrastructure zones and the
13 investigation and identification of conveyances, ~~leases and~~
14 ~~leasehold interests~~ as defined by W.S. 19-13-501(a)(i),
15 within five (5) miles of critical infrastructure zones as
16 disclosed by the recordings reported by county clerks in
17 accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and 19-13-502.

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19 **19-13-501. Definitions.**

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21 (a) As used in this article:
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1 (i) "Conveyance" means ~~as defined by W.S.~~
2 ~~34-1-102 and includes conveyances of every instrument in~~
3 ~~writing by which any interest in~~ real property, ~~surface~~
4 ~~interests, mineral interests and pore space interests~~ is
5 created, alienated, mortgaged, leased or assigned, or by
6 which the title to any real property may be affected in law
7 or in equity. "Conveyance" shall not include wills;

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9 (iv) "Designated country or person" means:

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11 (A) A foreign government or foreign
12 nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary
13 by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in
14 ~~15 C.F.R. 7.4(a)~~ 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a); or

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16 (vi) "Real property" means all interests in land
17 and appurtenances, including structures, affixed thereto,
18 and any intangible characteristic that contributes to the
19 fair market value thereof. "Real property" includes surface
20 interests, mineral interests and pore space interests.

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22 **19-13-502. Critical infrastructure zones; reporting**
23 **of conveyances; investigations; notification; rulemaking.**

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2 (c) Within fifteen (15) days after ~~the~~a conveyance
3 is ~~executed and completed~~ recorded, the county clerk shall
4 report ~~each~~ the conveyance ~~that involves any property~~
5 ~~located within a critical infrastructure zone or that is~~
6 ~~located not more than five (5) miles from a critical~~
7 ~~infrastructure zone~~ to the director and to the division of
8 criminal investigation.

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10 (d) Upon receiving a report from a county clerk under
11 subsection (c) of this section, the director and the
12 division of criminal investigation shall determine whether
13 a conveyance is within a critical infrastructure zone or
14 located not more than five (5) miles from a critical
15 infrastructure zone and, upon reasonable suspicion,
16 investigate the conveyance to determine if the conveyance
17 involves a designated country or person or if the
18 conveyance poses a threat to national or state security or
19 to critical infrastructure.

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21 **Section 2.** W.S. 19-13-502(b) is repealed.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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