

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 requiring the surveying of petroglyphs and pictographs on
 5 state lands; providing an appropriation; and providing for
 6 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 by creating a new subsection
 11 (e) is amended to read:

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

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15 (e) Any person who breaks, breaks off, cracks, carves
 16 upon, writes, or otherwise marks upon or in any manner

1 destroys, mutilates, injures, defaces, removes, displaces,
2 mars or harms petroglyphs, pictographs or historic
3 inscriptions without consent of the state board of land
4 commissioners is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined
5 not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00),
6 imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

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8 **Section 2.** There is appropriated four hundred
9 forty-one thousand three hundred forty dollars
10 (\$441,340.00) from the general fund to the department of
11 state parks and cultural resources for the purposes of
12 surveying, documenting and three-dimensional modeling,
13 internally or through a consultant, all known petroglyphs
14 and pictographs on state, school and institutional land in
15 Wyoming. This appropriation shall be for the period
16 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
17 June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred
18 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
19 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
20 not revert until June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
21 legislature that this appropriation not be included in the
22 department of state parks and cultural resources' standard
23 budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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2 **Section 3.**

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

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

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