ORIGINAL SENATE ENGROSSED
FILE NO. SF0067

ENROLLED ACT NO. 28, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2026 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming state guard; removing activation of the national guard of Wyoming into service of the United States as a prerequisite for the organization of the Wyoming state guard; removing federal involvement in the Wyoming state guard; allowing the governor to organize and maintain the Wyoming state guard; making conforming amendments; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 19-10-101(a) and (b) is amended to read:

19-10-101. Organization by governor; appointment of council; removal; control.

(a) ~~If the national guard of Wyoming is ordered into the service of the United States,~~ The governor may organize and maintain within this state ~~during that period, under such regulations as the secretary of defense may prescribe,~~ such military forces ~~as may be authorized by the secretary of defense or~~ as the governor deems necessary ~~for the defense~~ to preserve the public peace, to execute the laws of the state, to suppress tumult, riot, mob or invasion, to respond to either natural or manmade emergencies within the state, to support national wildland fire response or to perform other duties as the governor may require. The forces shall be known as the Wyoming state guard. Insofar as practicable, the existing laws, rules and regulations governing the national guard shall be ~~applied to~~ used as a model for the control and governance of the Wyoming state guard. ~~The force shall be of such strength as directed by the secretary of defense, with such expansion in the future as may be authorized.~~ The Wyoming state guard shall be of

such strength and shall be armed, trained and equipped in such manner as may be prescribed by ~~the secretary of defense or~~ the governor of Wyoming.

(b) For the purpose of coordinating desirable ~~national~~ state defense activities, the governor shall appoint a Wyoming state council of defense. The council, subject to the approval of the governor, may organize necessary subordinate branches and establish rules and regulations for the operation of the council and subordinate branches, and assist in all matters pertaining to the Wyoming state guard and other state or national defense activities not otherwise covered by law. Appointment to the council of defense is not limited by any requirements as to prior military or naval service. The governor may remove any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

Section 2. There is appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the governor for purposes of appointing and convening a Wyoming state council of defense and for establishing and equipping the Wyoming state guard as the governor deems necessary. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the office of the governor's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2026.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk