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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Uniform utility assessment.

Sponsored by: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to utilities; increasing the maximum
2 uniform utility assessment; and providing for an effective
3 date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-2-107(a) is amended to read:

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9 **37-2-107. Uniform assessment regarding**
10 **telecommunications, gas, electric, water and pipeline**
11 **service; assessment generally.**

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1 (a) On or before the first day of July of each year
2 the director of revenue shall, by requiring special reports
3 or otherwise, determine the total aggregate amount of the
4 gross Wyoming intrastate retail revenues of all public
5 utilities, entities utilizing public utility facilities in
6 the state to furnish retail utility commodities or services
7 to the public, and providers of telecommunication services,
8 except motor carriers, and those utilities exempted under
9 W.S. 37-2-108, for the preceding calendar year. ~~He~~The
10 director shall then determine the ratio that one-half (1/2)
11 of the total authorized budgeted amount for the biennium is
12 to the total aggregate gross retail Wyoming intrastate
13 operating revenues. The resulting percentage factor shall
14 then be applied to the annual intrastate gross retail
15 operating revenues of each of such persons for the
16 preceding calendar year and the result shall be the
17 assessment of each such person for the ensuing budget
18 fiscal year. However, the assessment rate against the
19 persons for any one (1) year shall not exceed ~~.0030~~four-
20 thousandths (.004) of the gross Wyoming intrastate retail
21 revenues of the persons. By the first day of August the
22 director ~~of the revenue department~~ shall assess the
23 persons, and one-half (1/2) the assessed fees shall be paid

1 to ~~him~~the director by the persons on or before the first
2 day of October and one-half (1/2) of the fees shall be paid
3 to ~~him~~the director by the persons on or before the first
4 day of April in the ensuing year. The director, ~~of the~~
5 ~~revenue department,~~ in computing the percentage upon which
6 fees for the first fiscal year of the ensuing biennium
7 shall be based, shall deduct any unexpended balance in the
8 commission's account, less an amount equal to the total of
9 all properly authorized outstanding accounts payable, from
10 one-half (1/2) the total authorized budgeted amount for the
11 biennium, and the resultant figure shall be used instead of
12 the one-half (1/2) of the total authorized budgeted amount
13 for the biennium, as above provided. Any unexpended balance
14 in the commission's account shall not lapse at the end of
15 the fiscal period. "Intrastate gross retail operating
16 revenues" as used in this section shall mean intrastate
17 gross revenues derived from the provision of
18 telecommunications, gas, electric, water and pipeline
19 service offered for final consumption and not for resale.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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