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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Property tax-homestead exemption.

Sponsored by: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to taxation; establishing a homestead
2 exemption for primary residences; providing a penalty for
3 false claims; and providing for an effective 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. 39-11-105(a) by creating a new
8 paragraph (xlili) is amended to read:

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10 **39-11-105. Exemptions.**

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12 (a) The following property is exempt from property
13 taxation:

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2 (xlili) For property used as a primary
3 residence, the first fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) of
4 fair market value as a homestead exemption. Not more than
5 one (1) homestead exemption shall apply to the same
6 property in any year and no owner shall claim more than one
7 (1) homestead exemption in any year, including property
8 with a family dwelling that houses more than one (1)
9 family. To claim a homestead exemption the owner of the
10 property shall submit a claim to the county assessor not
11 later than the fourth Monday in May on forms provided by
12 the department of revenue demonstrating that the person is
13 the owner of the property and that the property is the
14 person's primary residence. False claims are punishable as
15 provided by W.S. 6-5-303. As used in this paragraph:

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17 (A) "Owner" means any of the following
18 provided that no other person who may qualify as an owner
19 or joint owner shall apply for a homestead exemption for
20 the same property in the same year:

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1 (I) A person who occupies and owns a
2 primary residence either solely or jointly with other
3 owners;

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5 (II) A person who occupies a primary
6 residence as a vendee in possession under a contract of
7 sale; or

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9 (III) A person who occupies a primary
10 residence owned by a business entity primarily formed for
11 the purpose of farming or ranching if the person is a
12 shareholder or partner of the business entity or is related
13 to a shareholder or partner of the business entity.

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15 (C) "Residential real property" means real
16 property improved by a family dwelling designed to house
17 not more than four (4) families and includes not more than
18 one (1) acre of land where the dwelling is located if the
19 land is owned by the owner of the dwelling. The family
20 dwelling may be an individual condominium unit, mobile home
21 or trailer if the dwelling is used as a primary residence.

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23 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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