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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Building permit notice requirements.

Sponsored by: HDraft Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to city, county, state and local powers;
2 providing that all entities with authority to issue
3 building permits are required to provide updates on the
4 permit approval process; providing penalties for failure to
5 update the permittee; providing for automatic issuance and
6 renewal of a permit; specifying applicability; and
7 providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-13-101 is created to read:

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13 CHAPTER 13 - BUILDING PERMIT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

1 ARTICLE 1 - BUILDING PERMIT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

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3 **16-13-101. Notice of progress on building permit**
4 **determinations; schedule for permit determinations;**
5 **automatic permit approval.**

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7 (a) All cities, towns, counties, special districts,
8 commission or other local governmental entities responsible
9 for the approval of building permits, building safety and
10 code compliance inspections and certificates of occupancy
11 shall complete their required reviews in the most
12 expeditious manner possible that ensures public health,
13 safety and welfare and promotes the public good.

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15 (b) All cities, towns, counties, special districts,
16 commissions or other local governmental entities
17 responsible for the issuance of building permits shall
18 publish a sample schedule outlining the process and steps
19 for the issuance of a building permit and providing a
20 reasonable estimated time for the local entity to complete
21 each process or step on the determination schedule. Failure
22 to publish a schedule under this section shall result in:

1 (i) The return of all fees paid by an applicant
2 for a building permit one hundred twenty (120) days after
3 the submittal of the permit application;

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5 (ii) A building permit application being
6 considered approved as submitted if the responsible local
7 government entity fails to publish a schedule one hundred
8 eighty (180) days after the submittal of the permit
9 application. A building constructed pursuant to a permit
10 issued under this paragraph shall pass all safety and code
11 compliance inspections prior to the issuance of a
12 certificate of occupancy.

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14 (c) After a building permit application is submitted
15 to a local governmental entity, the local governmental
16 entity shall provide notice every thirty (30) days to the
17 applicant describing where the application is in the permit
18 determination process. The notice will describe all actions
19 taken by the local government entity since the last update.
20 If the application is behind schedule the local government
21 entity shall state the reason in the notice why the local
22 government entity could not adhere to the permit process
23 schedule and actions being taken to comply with the adopted

1 schedule. If notice is not provided to an applicant under
2 this section:

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4 (i) All fees associated with the application
5 shall be returned to the applicant sixty (60) days after
6 the submittal of the application;

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8 (ii) The application is considered approved as
9 submitted one hundred twenty (120) days after the submittal
10 of the application. A building constructed pursuant to a
11 permit issued under this paragraph shall pass all safety
12 and code compliance inspections prior to the issuance of a
13 certificate of occupancy.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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17 (END)