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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Revisor's bill.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the revision of statutes and other
2 legislative enactments; correcting statutory references and
3 language resulting from inadvertent errors and omissions in
4 previously adopted legislation; amending obsolete
5 references; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-4-204, 9-4-719(b)(i), 28-11-
10 701(b)(ii), 31-2-231(b)(intro), 34-24-102(a)(xii), 35-11-
11 316(c) and 36-6-301(a)(i) are amended to read:

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1 **7-4-204. Oath of witness; recording of testimony;**
2 **compensation of reporter.**

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4 An oath shall be administered to each witness as follows:

5 "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony
6 which you shall give to this inquest concerning the death
7 of the person about whom this inquest is being held, shall
8 be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so
9 help you God." The coroner shall ~~insure~~ensure that all
10 testimony in an inquest shall be recorded. The compensation
11 of the court reporter or of the person transcribing the
12 audio tape shall be as prescribed by the board of county
13 commissioners. Unless specifically requested by the coroner
14 or prosecuting attorney, audio tapes need not be
15 transcribed.

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17 **9-4-719. Investment earnings spending policy**
18 **permanent funds.**

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20 (b) There is created the permanent Wyoming mineral
21 trust fund reserve account. All funds within the account
22 shall be invested by the state treasurer as authorized
23 under W.S. 9-4-715(a), (d), (e) and (r) and all investment

1 earnings from the account shall be credited to the account.
2 Except for funds specified by the legislature that
3 guarantee the obligations of permanent Wyoming mineral
4 trust fund investment earnings and funds to be transferred
5 into the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund, funds
6 deposited into the reserve account created by this
7 subsection are intended to be inviolate and constitute a
8 permanent or perpetual trust fund. Beginning July 1, 2021
9 for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, to
10 the extent funds are available, the state treasurer shall
11 transfer unobligated funds from this account to the general
12 fund on a quarterly, pro-rata basis as necessary to ensure
13 that an amount equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of
14 the previous five (5) year average market value of the
15 permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund, calculated on the
16 first day of the fiscal year, is available for expenditure
17 during each fiscal year. As soon as possible after the end
18 of each of the fiscal years beginning on and after July 1,
19 2017, after making any transfer required pursuant to
20 paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection, revenues in
21 this account in excess of two hundred forty-five percent
22 (245%) of the spending policy amount in subsection (d) of
23 this section shall be credited to the permanent Wyoming

1 mineral trust fund. For fiscal year 2020 and for each
2 fiscal year thereafter:

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4 (i) As soon as practicable after the end of the
5 fiscal year, after making any other transfers provided by
6 law from the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve
7 account, but prior to calculating the balance of the
8 account under this subsection, the state treasurer shall
9 transfer from the account an amount equal to the difference
10 between the maximum amount which may be credited to the
11 strategic investments and ~~project~~projects account pursuant
12 to subsection (q) of this section and the amount actually
13 credited to that account in the applicable fiscal year;

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15 **28-11-701. Appointment of members; powers and duties;**
16 **executive branch liaisons.**

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18 (b) The select committee shall:

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20 (ii) Develop and introduce legislation as
21 necessary to promote blockchain, financial technology and
22 digital innovation in Wyoming unless the legislation
23 relates to Title 13 of the Wyoming ~~statues~~statutes, in

1 which case the legislation shall be recommended to the
2 joint minerals, business and economic development interim
3 committee for consideration.

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5 **31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates;**
6 **wildlife conservation account; authority to receive and**
7 **expend monies.**

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9 (b) The fees collected under subsection (a) of this
10 section shall be payable to the department and shall be
11 accounted for separately. Except as otherwise provided by
12 law, the fees collected under subsection (a) of this
13 section and funds collected under W.S. 23-2-101(p), 23-2-
14 201(h), 23-2-306(d), 24-1-131(b), 31-2-225(a)(vi), 31-2-
15 404(f)(ii), 31-2-409(h)(ii), 31-2-703(e)(ii), 31-3-101(j),
16 ~~31-7-111(b)(xiv)~~ 31-7-111(b)(xiv) and 36-4-121(t) shall be
17 distributed to the wildlife conservation account within the
18 state highway fund, which is hereby created. The wildlife
19 conservation account shall be administered in accordance
20 with the following:

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22 **34-24-102. Definitions.**

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1 (a) As used in this act:

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3 (xii) "Mineral" means oil, gas, uranium,
4 ~~sulphur~~sulfur, lignite, coal and any other substance that
5 is ordinarily and naturally considered a mineral,
6 regardless of the depth at which the oil, gas, uranium,
7 ~~sulphur~~sulfur, lignite, coal or other substance is found;

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9 **35-11-316. Unitization of geologic sequestration**
10 **sites; hearings on application, order; modifications.**

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12 (c) No order of the Wyoming oil and gas conservation
13 commission authorizing the commencement of unit operations
14 shall become effective until the plan of unitization has
15 been signed or in writing ratified or approved by those
16 persons who own at least eighty percent (80%) of the pore
17 space storage capacity within the unit area. If such
18 consent has not been obtained at the time the
19 ~~commissioner's~~commission's order is made, the commission
20 shall, upon application, hold supplemental hearings and
21 make findings as may be required to determine when and if
22 the consent will be obtained. The commission shall require
23 the applicant to give notice of a supplemental hearing by

1 regular mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing
2 to each person owning interests in the pore space in the
3 proposed unit area whose name and address was required by
4 W.S. 35-11-315(a) to be listed in the application for the
5 unit operations. If the required percentages of consent
6 have not been obtained within a period of six (6) months
7 from and after the date on which the order of approval is
8 made, the order shall be ineffective and revoked by the
9 commission, unless, for good cause shown, the commission
10 extends that time. Any interested person may file an
11 application with the Wyoming oil and gas conservation
12 commission requesting an order applicable only to the
13 proposed unit area described in the application which shall
14 provide for the percentage of approval or ratification to
15 be reduced from eighty percent (80%) to seventy-five
16 percent (75%). The application shall contain the
17 information required by W.S. 35-11-315(a) and any order of
18 the commission entered pursuant to the application shall
19 comply with subsection (b) of this section. Notice of the
20 hearing on the application shall be given in the same
21 manner and to the same persons as required by subsection
22 (a) of this section. If the commission finds that
23 negotiations were being conducted since July 1, 2009, or

1 have been conducted for a period of at least nine (9)
2 months prior to the filing of the application, that the
3 applicant has participated in the negotiations diligently
4 and in good faith, and that the percentage of approval or
5 ratification required by this subsection cannot be
6 obtained, the commission may reduce any percentage of
7 approval or ratification required by this section from
8 eighty percent (80%) to seventy-five percent (75%). The
9 order shall affect only the unit area described in the
10 application and shall operate only to approve the proposed
11 plan of unitization and proposed operating plan and to
12 reduce the required percentage of approval or ratification
13 thereof and shall not change any other requirement
14 contained in this section.

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16 **36-6-301. Definitions.**

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18 (a) As used in this article:

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20 (i) "Associated natural resource" means any
21 substance, element or compound, either gaseous, liquid or
22 solid, associated with the production, refining or
23 processing of oil or gas. The term includes, but is not

1 limited to, propane, butanes, ethane, methane, carbon
2 dioxide, ~~sulphur~~sulfur, helium, nitrogen and natural gas
3 liquids;

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

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