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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Registered agents-production of records-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political  
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to registered offices and agents;  
2 authorizing the secretary of state to release confidential  
3 information maintained by registered agents as specified;  
4 and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 17-28-108(c) is amended to read:

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10 **17-28-108. Production of records.**

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1 (c) The secretary of state shall hold any records  
 2 obtained pursuant to this section confidential except for  
 3 information already on file with the secretary of state as  
 4 part of a public document and information required to be in  
 5 the annual report required by W.S. 17-16-1630(a). The  
 6 secretary of state may release any such confidential  
 7 information only pursuant to court ordered subpoena, ~~or~~ to  
 8 a bona fide law enforcement agency for use in a criminal  
 9 investigation or to a county assessor or county treasurer.

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 13 STAFF COMMENT

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 15 The Committee may wish to consider whether to specify the  
 16 manner in which county assessors and county treasurers must  
 17 request the information. For example:

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- 19 • "or, upon request, to a county assessor or county  
 20 treasurer"
- 21 • "or, upon written request, to a county assessor or  
 22 county treasurer"
- 23 • "or, upon written application, to a county assessor or  
 24 county treasurer"

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26 In addition, the Committee may wish to consider whether to  
 27 include a qualifier regarding the purpose for which county  
 28 assessors and county treasurers may obtain the information.  
 29 For example:

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- 31 • "for a valid governmental purpose"
- 32 • "for use in fulfilling the obligations of their  
 33 office"

- 1 • "if the county assessor or county treasurer shows  
2 sufficient reason to obtain the information for  
3 official business"

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5 Finally, the Committee may wish to consider whether to  
6 require county assessors and county treasurers to keep the  
7 information obtained confidential and whether to specify a  
8 penalty for failing to do so.

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10 For example, under W.S. 39-3-102(q), all taxpayer returns  
11 and return information is confidential. Returns and return  
12 information may be released to specified persons but those  
13 persons must sign an agreement to keep the information  
14 confidential, and there is a misdemeanor penalty for  
15 negligently or intentionally violating the confidentiality  
16 requirement.

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18 (q) Confidentiality. The following shall  
19 apply:

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21 (iii) Any person receiving information  
22 pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection  
23 shall sign an agreement with the department to  
24 keep the information confidential;

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26 (v) Any person who negligently  
27 violates the provisions of this subsection is  
28 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall  
29 be fined not more than one thousand dollars  
30 (\$1,000.00). Any person who intentionally  
31 violates the provisions of this subsection is  
32 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall  
33 be fined not less than one thousand dollars  
34 (\$1,000.00), but not more than five thousand  
35 dollars (\$5,000.00) and imprisoned for not more  
36 than one (1) year.

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38 W.S. 39-3-102(q) (iii), (v).

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43 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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