

**DRAFT ONLY
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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Worker's compensation-volunteer ski patrol.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to worker's compensation; authorizing
2 volunteer ski patrol personnel to receive worker's
3 compensation benefits as specified; requiring rulemaking;
4 and providing for effective dates.

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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. 27-14-102(a)(xxxi) and 27-14-108(e)
9 by creating a new paragraph (xii) are amended to read:

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11 **27-14-102. Definitions.**

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1 (a) As used in this act:

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3 (xxxi) "First responder" means a peace officer
4 or an employee who is employed or volunteers as a
5 firefighter, search and rescue personnel, ~~or~~ ambulance
6 personnel or ski patrol personnel;

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10 STAFF COMMENT

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12 I have included ski patrol personnel as first responders
13 who can receive worker's compensation benefits for mental
14 injuries. If that was not the Committee's intention, the
15 above amendment can be removed from the bill draft.

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17 The Committee may also wish to consider adding a definition
18 of "ski patrol personnel" to the bill draft to avoid any
19 ambiguity regarding who is included under the term.

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24 27-14-108. Extrahazardous industries, employments,
25 occupations; enumeration; definitions; optional coverage.

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27 (e) Specifically enumerated volunteers to whom this
28 act applies are:

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30 (xii) Ski patrol personnel.

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2 **Section 2.** The department of workforce services shall
3 promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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5 **Section 3.**

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(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2027.

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(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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15 (END)