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HOUSE BILL NO.

Worker's compensation-volunteer ski patrol.

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

A BILL

for

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

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

Section 1. W.S. 27-14-102(a)(xxxi) and 27-14-108(e) by creating a new paragraph (xii) are amended to read:

27-14-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

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

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STAFF COMMENT

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

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

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

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

(xii) Ski patrol personnel.

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

Section 3.

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

(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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