

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0097

Protection of activities in private vehicles.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Krone, Blake, Brechtel, Burkhardt, Cannady, Gingery, Hunt, Loucks, Miller and Vranish and Senator(s) Case, Coe and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to employment; providing definitions;  
2 prohibiting certain persons from creating or enforcing a  
3 policy that prohibits the storage of firearms in a motor  
4 vehicle as specified; providing exclusions; and providing  
5 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. 27-15-101 through 27-15-104 are  
10 created to read:

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CHAPTER 15

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PROTECTION OF SECURED FIREARMS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

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**27-15-101. Title.**

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2 This chapter is known as the "Right to Keep and Bear Arms  
3 in Private Vehicles Act."

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5 **27-15-102. Definitions.**

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7 (a) As used in this chapter:

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9 (i) "Firearm" means as defined by W.S.  
10 6-8-403(a)(iii);

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12 (ii) "Motor Vehicle" means as defined by W.S.  
13 31-1-101 (a)(xv);

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15 (iii) "Motor vehicle parking" means an area  
16 available for temporary or long term parking or storage of  
17 motor vehicles which is available to employees, customers  
18 and invitees;

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20 (iv) "Person" means any individual, business or  
21 corporate entity recognized under the laws of the state of  
22 Wyoming.

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1           **27-15-103. Protection of certain activities;**  
2 **firearms.**

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4           (a) A person may not establish, maintain or enforce  
5 any policy or rule that has the effect of:

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7           (i) Prohibiting any individual from transporting  
8 or storing a firearm in a motor vehicle on any property  
9 designated for motor vehicle parking, if:

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11           (A) The individual is legally permitted to  
12 transport, possess, purchase, receive, transfer or store  
13 the firearm;

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15           (B) The firearm is locked securely in the  
16 motor vehicle or is in a locked container attached to the  
17 motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is not occupied; and

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19           (C) The firearm is not in plain view from  
20 the outside of the motor vehicle.

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22           (b) A person has no duty of care related to the  
23 actions prohibited under this section.

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1           (c) A person is not liable in a criminal or civil  
2 action based on the actions or inactions taken in  
3 compliance with this section. The immunity provided in  
4 this subsection does not apply to civil actions based on  
5 actions or inactions of persons that are unrelated to  
6 compliance with this section.

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8           (d) This section does not expand any existing duty,  
9 or create any additional duty, on the part of a person or  
10 that person's agent.

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12           **27-15-104. Exemptions.**

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14           (a) School premises, including any school building or  
15 school grounds in this state and other properties owned or  
16 leased by a school, are exempt from the provisions of this  
17 chapter.

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19           (b) Government entities, including a local authority  
20 or state entity, are exempt from the provisions of this  
21 chapter.

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1           (c) Religious organizations, including religious  
2 organizations acting as an employer, are exempt from the  
3 provisions of this chapter.

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5           (d) Nothing in this act affects restrictions on the  
6 carrying of concealed weapons as provided in W.S.  
7 6-8-104(t).

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9           (e) This chapter does not apply to any other property  
10 owned or leased by a person upon which possession of a  
11 firearm is prohibited under federal law.

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13           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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