

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0179

Retail liquor license fees.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walters, Schwartz and
Zwonitzer and Senator(s) Anderson and Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages; requiring public
2 auction for retail liquor licenses; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 12-4-201(e) and (g) and 12-4-601(b)
8 are amended to read:

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10 **12-4-201. Retail liquor licenses and malt beverage**
11 **permits; population formulas; fees.**

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13 (e) The license fee ~~to be assessed~~ for issuing a
14 retail liquor license shall be ~~not less than three hundred~~
15 ~~dollars (\$300.00) nor more than one thousand five hundred~~

1 ~~dollars (\$1,500.00) payable annually in advance.~~ determined
2 by public auction to the highest bidder after notice
3 published at least once each week for three (3) consecutive
4 weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the
5 community, posted for at least three (3) consecutive weeks
6 on the licensing authority's official website and posted
7 for two (2) weeks in at least three (3) public places in
8 the licensing authority's jurisdiction. The annual fee in
9 subsequent years shall be not less than three hundred
10 dollars (\$300.00) nor more than one thousand five hundred
11 dollars (\$1,500.00).

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13 (g) The license ~~fee~~ and annual fees for county retail
14 liquor licenses within five (5) miles of a city or town
15 shall not be less than the comparable ~~fee~~ license and
16 annual fees charged by the adjacent town, and all license
17 and annual fees and taxes shall be assessed as provided by
18 law.

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20 **12-4-601. Transfer of license location; transfer of**
21 **ownership; reporting of sale price; fee.**

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1 (b) A licensee, or the executor or administrator of
2 the estate of a deceased licensee, may assign and transfer
3 the license or permit by a sale made in good faith. The
4 assignment and transfer shall first have the approval of
5 the licensing authority, which consideration shall be based
6 in part upon a public hearing and an application filed
7 under oath by the assignee or transferee showing the person
8 or entity to be qualified to hold a license or permit under
9 Wyoming law. The approval of the transfer shall not be
10 given by the licensing authority if the transferring
11 licensee is certified by the department as sixty (60) or
12 more days delinquent in paying sales taxes pursuant to W.S.
13 12-2-306, or if proceedings are pending to suspend, revoke
14 or otherwise penalize the original license or permit
15 holder. A transfer of a license or permit shall require the
16 payment of an additional license fee ~~to the appropriate~~
17 ~~licensing authority~~ of not more than ~~one hundred dollars~~
18 ~~(\$100.00) for the transfer, and~~ five hundred dollars
19 (\$500.00) to the appropriate licensing authority. Upon
20 assignment and fee payment, the assignee may exercise the
21 privilege of continuing the business authorized by the
22 license or permit.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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