

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0180

Liquor licenses-cultural event permit.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Petroff and Illoway and
Senator(s) Christensen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to liquor licenses; creating a cultural
2 event permit; providing restrictions on cultural event
3 permits; providing for a fee; providing for rules and
4 regulations; 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. 12-4-507 is created to read:

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10 **12-4-507. Cultural event permit; authorized;**
11 **requirements; restrictions.**

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13 (a) The appropriate licensing authority in a county,
14 city or town may issue a cultural event permit to any
15 responsible person or organization for sales of alcoholic
16 liquors and malt beverages at public auditoriums, civic

1 centers, theaters, arenas or event centers meeting the
2 qualifications of subsection (b) of this section. The
3 issuance of a permit under this section shall not be
4 considered an alcoholic beverage permit issued on the basis
5 of population as provided in W.S. 12-4-201 nor a special
6 malt beverage permit as provided in W.S. 12-4-504.

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8 (b) The holder of the cultural event permit shall own
9 or hold a written lease for the premises for the period for
10 which the permit is issued. Except as provided in this
11 subsection, a cultural event permit shall not be sold,
12 transferred or assigned by the holder. Any political
13 subdivision issued a cultural event permit may contract for
14 or otherwise subcontract the concessions operations of the
15 food and beverage services associated with the permit to
16 another individual or entity without transferring the
17 permit.

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19 (c) The holder of a cultural event permit may
20 dispense alcoholic liquors and malt beverages from any
21 location within the boundaries of the owned or leased
22 premises under the same fee. The premises shall be a
23 single property within a contiguous boundary upon which the
24 building qualifying for the cultural event permit is

1 located and which shall be identified in the permit as
2 approved by the local licensing authority. The licensing
3 authority shall, as often as necessary, inspect the
4 permitted rooms or locations where alcoholic liquors and
5 malt beverages are served to ensure that the permittee is
6 in compliance with sanitation and fire hazard requirements
7 and other applicable laws. W.S. 12-5-201 shall not apply to
8 a holder of a cultural event permit.

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10 (d) The issuing body shall provide rules and
11 regulations for the following:

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13 (i) The location of the dispensing rooms or
14 locations where alcoholic liquors and malt beverages may be
15 sold;

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17 (ii) The location of areas where alcoholic
18 liquors and malt beverages may be consumed;

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20 (iii) The hours and days of the operation of the
21 dispensing rooms and locations where alcoholic liquors and
22 malt beverages are being sold and consumed.

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1 (e) No person or organization holding the cultural
2 event permit shall sell any alcoholic liquor or malt
3 beverages for consumption off the premises authorized by
4 the permit. It shall be the duty and obligation of the
5 issuing body and the holder of the permit to see that no
6 sales are made to any person under the age of twenty-one
7 (21) years.

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9 (f) All sales of alcoholic liquors and malt beverages
10 authorized by a cultural event permit shall cease at the
11 conclusion of the cultural event or at the hours specified
12 by W.S. 12-5-101(a) if the cultural event extends beyond
13 the hours specified therein.

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15 (g) For purposes of this section "cultural event" may
16 include but is not limited to, theater productions,
17 concerts, sporting events and rodeos, or any similar event
18 as approved by the local licensing authority.

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20 (h) The permits authorized by this section shall be
21 issued after a hearing on application for a one (1) year
22 period unless sooner revoked and the license fee shall be
23 one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) payable
24 annually in advance.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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