

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0257

Protection of secured firearms in private vehicles.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Krone, Blevins, Burkhart, Hutchings and Northrup

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to employment; allowing firearms to be  
2 stored in a motor vehicle located in a motor vehicle  
3 parking area as specified; providing exemptions; providing  
4 definitions; 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. 27-15-101 through 27-15-104 are  
9 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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1 This chapter is known as the "Right to Keep and Bear Arms  
2 in Private Vehicles Act."

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4 **27-15-102. Definitions.**

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6 (a) As used in this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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23 **27-15-103. Protection of certain activities;**  
24 **firearms.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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23 (c) A person is not liable in a criminal or civil  
24 action based on the actions or inactions taken in

1 compliance with this section. The immunity provided in  
2 this subsection does not apply to civil actions based on  
3 actions or inactions of persons that are unrelated to  
4 compliance with this section.

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

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10 **27-15-104. Exemptions.**

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12 (a) The provisions of this act allowing secured  
13 firearms in motor vehicles do not apply to:

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15 (i) School premises, including any school  
16 building or school grounds in this state and other  
17 properties owned or leased by a school;

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

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23 (iii) Religious organizations, including  
24 religious organizations acting as an employer.

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2           (d) Nothing in this act affects restrictions on the  
3 carrying of concealed weapons as provided in W.S.  
4 6-8-104(t).

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

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10           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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