

SENATE FILE NO. SF0009

Railroad quiet zones.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to railroad quiet zones; providing for
2 administration of the railroad quiet zone program as
3 specified; specifying grant matching requirements;
4 reappropriating funds; repealing existing law regarding
5 railroad quiet zones; and providing for an effective date.

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

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Section 1.

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11 (a) The department of transportation and the
12 transportation commission shall administer a railroad quiet
13 zone program in conformity with the standards prescribed in
14 49 C.F.R. Part 222 for the establishment of quiet zones or
15 the installation of wayside horns to minimize the sounding

1 of locomotive horns in populated areas. Program projects
2 shall be prioritized in accordance with the 2009 Wyoming
3 Quiet Zone study conducted pursuant to 2008 Wyoming Session
4 Laws, Chapter 48, Section 335.

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6 (b) The department of transportation and the
7 transportation commission shall arrange the assessed
8 valuation of each county in descending order by county and
9 shall require the following matching funds from counties:

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11 (i) For the bottom seven (7) counties in the
12 list created, a two percent (2%) match is required;

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14 (ii) For the middle eight (8) counties in the
15 list created, a thirteen percent (13%) match is required;

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17 (iii) For the top eight (8) counties in the list
18 created, a thirty percent (30%) match is required.

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20 (c) The department of transportation and the
21 transportation commission shall commit funds for the
22 projects based upon the prioritization list developed in
23 the 2009 Wyoming Quiet Zone study. If a sponsoring

1 governmental entity has not committed required funding to
2 undertake a project, the department of transportation and
3 the transportation commission may fund lower priority
4 projects as funds allow. For each project the funds shall
5 be utilized for the lowest cost, most feasible proposal as
6 determined by diagnostic review, or as otherwise
7 recommended by the 2009 Wyoming Quiet Zone study. Any costs
8 for improvements exceeding the lowest cost, most feasible
9 proposal or recommendation shall be paid entirely by the
10 sponsoring government entity.

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12 (d) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts remaining in
13 the railroad quiet zone account established under 2011
14 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 88, Section 45, Footnote 7 is
15 reappropriated to the railroad quiet zone account which is
16 hereby established and shall only be used for the purposes
17 of this act. Funds reappropriated in this section shall
18 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and
19 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
20 reappropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
21 2018.

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1 **Section 2.** 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26,
2 Section 45, Footnote 7 is repealed.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effectively immediately upon
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
7 Constitution.

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