

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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9 **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 the  
10 sponsoring governmental entity:

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

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

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

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21 (c) The department of transportation and the  
22 transportation commission shall commit funds for the  
23 projects based upon the prioritization list developed in

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

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13 (d) Up to one million six hundred thousand dollars  
14 (\$1,600,000.00) of unexpended, unobligated amounts  
15 remaining in the railroad quiet zone account established  
16 under 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 88, Section 45,  
17 Footnote 7 is reappropriated to the railroad quiet zone  
18 account which is hereby established and shall only be used  
19 for the purposes of this act. Notwithstanding W.S.  
20 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, any amounts in the  
21 account in excess of one million six hundred thousand  
22 dollars (\$1,600,000.00) and any additional funds not  
23 obligated by a letter of intent from a participating

1 governmental entity with identified matching funds by  
2 January 1, 2017 shall revert to the budget reserve account  
3 immediately. Funds reappropriated in this section shall  
4 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and  
5 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
6 reappropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,  
7 2018.

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

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12 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
15 Constitution.

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