

SENATE FILE NO. SF0145

State trust land revenues.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks, Coe, Driskill, Kost, Landen
and Rothfuss and Representative(s) Freeman,
Harshman, Northrup, Olsen and Piiparinen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the game and fish
2 commission to enter into an agreement to reimburse the board
3 of land commissioners for specified uses of state trust lands;
4 requiring the purchase of a recreation permit to access state
5 trust lands with specified exceptions; providing that
6 recreation permit revenues shall benefit state trust land
7 beneficiaries; providing funding for the game and fish
8 commission access fund; providing procedures for the sale of
9 recreation permits; creating a criminal penalty; requiring
10 the adoption of rules; specifying applicability; and
11 providing for effective dates.

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

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-505 and 36-1-122 are created to
2 read:

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4 **23-1-505. Reimbursement to board of land commissioners;**
5 **recreation permit for license holders.**

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7 (a) The commission shall, in consultation with the
8 attorney general, execute an agreement with the board of land
9 commissioners to compensate state trust land beneficiaries
10 for access provided to hunters and anglers on state trust
11 lands associated with licenses issued by the department under
12 W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201. Compensation pursuant to
13 an agreement executed under this subsection shall:

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15 (i) Require the department to transfer four
16 dollars (\$4.00) for each recreation permit sold by the
17 department to the office of state lands at the end of each
18 license year; and

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20 (ii) Be apportioned to each state trust land
21 beneficiary by the board of land commissioners on a pro rata
22 basis in proportion to differing kinds of state trust lands,
23 as specified in the agreement.

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2 (b) Each person licensed under W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107
3 or 23-2-201 shall purchase a single recreation permit for six
4 dollars (\$6.00) which shall expire twelve (12) months from
5 the date of purchase. The permit or an authorization
6 signifying purchase of the permit shall be in the possession
7 of any person exercising rights under any fishing or hunting
8 license issued pursuant to W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or
9 23-2-201. Consistent with paragraph (a)(i) of this section,
10 four dollars (\$4.00) of the recreation permit shall be
11 apportioned to the board of land commissioners for hunting
12 and fishing access on state trust lands. The department shall
13 retain two dollars (\$2.00) which shall be deposited into the
14 account created under W.S. 23-1-501(e) and shall be expended
15 for the purposes of that subsection. The department shall
16 adopt rules to implement this subsection, which shall be
17 consistent with the agreement entered into under subsection
18 (a) of this section.

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20 (c) As used in this section, "state trust lands" mean
21 both "school lands" and "institutional lands", as defined in
22 W.S. 36-1-101(a).

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1 **36-1-122. Recreation permit required for state trust**
2 **lands; exceptions; distribution of revenues; penalty; rules.**

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4 (a) No person shall enter state trust lands without
5 possession of a valid recreation permit either issued under
6 this section or W.S. 23-1-505. This subsection shall not apply
7 to a person:

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9 (i) Under twelve (12) years of age who is
10 accompanying a person in possession of a valid recreation
11 permit while on state trust lands;

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13 (ii) In a vehicle traversing a public road through
14 state trust lands, if the person remains within the boundaries
15 of the public road;

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17 (iii) Employed by the state of Wyoming, a
18 political subdivision or the federal government, or a
19 contractor, subcontractor or agent thereof, while present on
20 official business;

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22 (iv) Specified by the board pursuant to rule which
23 is not inconsistent with this section.

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2 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
3 the director shall offer a recreation permit for sale to the
4 public which shall be six dollars (\$6.00) for residents and
5 nonresidents and which shall expire twelve (12) months from
6 the date of purchase. The board shall apportion funds obtained
7 from the sale of recreation permits under this section to
8 compensate state trust land beneficiaries for hunting and
9 fishing access on state trust lands, using a pro rata basis
10 in proportion to the differing kinds of state trust lands,
11 consistent with W.S. 23-1-505(a)(ii).

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13 (c) The director shall make recreation permits
14 available for purchase on an internet website and in any other
15 manner determined to be prudent.

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17 (d) A person who accesses state trust lands without
18 possession of a valid recreation permit either issued under
19 this section or W.S. 23-1-505 is guilty of a misdemeanor and
20 upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
21 two hundred dollars (\$200.00), imprisonment for not more than
22 one (1) week, or both. All law enforcement officers of this
23 state shall enforce the provisions of this section.

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2 (e) The director may contract with persons for the sale
3 of recreation permits.

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5 (f) This section shall not modify access or use
6 requirements applicable to state trust lands which are
7 otherwise provided for by law or rule and not inconsistent
8 with this section.

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10 (g) The board, consistent with the agreement entered
11 into under W.S. 23-1-505(a), shall adopt rules to implement
12 this section.

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14 (h) As used in this section, "state trust lands" mean
15 both "school lands" and "institutional lands", as defined in
16 W.S. 36-1-101(a).

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18 **Section 2.** The game and fish commission and the board
19 of land commissioners shall execute the agreement required by
20 W.S. 23-1-505(a), as created by section 1 of this act, no
21 later than November 30, 2019. The first transfer of funds to
22 the office of state lands under W.S. 23-1-505(a)(i) shall be

1 conducted by the game and fish department at the end of the
2 2020 license year.

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

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