

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0013

State parks-use of fees.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and cultural resources;
2 authorizing use of certain fee income for general
3 operations and maintenance of department facilities as
4 specified; creating an account; providing for interest to
5 accrue to the account; 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.** W.S. 36-4-121(a)(xv) and (h) is amended to
10 read:

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12 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**
13 **areas and historic sites.**

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1 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
2 resources shall offer for sale permits that allow use of
3 the state parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and
4 historic sites. Daily use permits shall be required at
5 Glendo, Guernsey, Curt Gowdy, Edness Kimball Wilkins,
6 Buffalo Bill, Boysen, Seminoe and Keyhole state parks and
7 Fort Bridger, South Pass City, Trail End, Fort Fetterman
8 and Fort Phil Kearney state historic sites, and Hawk
9 Springs state recreation area. The department may establish
10 voluntary pay stations at Bear River and Hot Springs state
11 parks to allow users of those parks to make voluntary
12 contributions for the use of the state parks. Persons who
13 enter or use Bear River or Hot Springs state park without
14 paying daily use fees shall not be subject to the penalties
15 provided for in subsection (j) of this section. Overnight
16 camping permits shall be required at Boysen, Buffalo Bill,
17 Curt Gowdy, Glendo, Guernsey, Keyhole, Seminoe and Sinks
18 Canyon state parks, Connor Battlefield state historic site,
19 Medicine Lodge state archeological site and Hawk Springs
20 state recreation area by the department during the entire
21 calendar year. Except for the lifetime permit issued
22 without cost pursuant to subsection (n) of this section,

1 the cost of the permits authorized under this section shall
2 be:

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4 (xv) Funds collected from the amenities fee
5 authorized by paragraph (xiv) of this subsection shall be
6 deposited in an account and are continuously appropriated
7 to the department to pay the utility fees and maintenance
8 costs for the additional amenities offered. The remaining
9 funds collected from the amenities fee authorized by
10 paragraph (xiv) of this subsection at the end of the fiscal
11 year may be deposited in ~~a capital construction~~ the state
12 parks account and expended in accordance with W.S.
13 36-4-121(h). Revenues and expenditures under paragraph
14 (xiv) of this subsection and this paragraph for each of the
15 immediately preceding two (2) fiscal years shall be
16 reported within the department's biennial budget request
17 submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013;

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19 (h) The funds received by the department from the
20 sale of the permits shall be deposited ~~in a capital~~
21 ~~construction account~~ into an account within the special
22 revenue fund, hereby created as the state parks account,
23 and may be expended by the department for capital

1 construction projects, major maintenance, and site
2 interpretation such as exhibits, signage and displays as
3 approved by the legislature. Interest on funds in the
4 account shall accrue to the account. Not more than
5 twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds in the account in
6 any fiscal year may also be expended for general operations
7 and maintenance of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

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9 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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