

SENATE FILE NO. SF0127

Public funds-lobbying.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Biteman, Bebout, Driskill, Hicks and  
Kinskey and Representative(s) Greear,  
Laursen, Piiparinen and Salazar

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; prohibiting use of  
2 tax revenue for lobbying; specifying applicability; and  
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 39-11-201 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 2

10 LIMITATIONS ON EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES

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12 **39-11-201. Taxpayer funds for lobbying.**

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14 (a) In no event shall any revenue collected from a tax  
15 imposed under this title be expended to lobby or finance

1 lobbying activities. A state or local governmental entity  
2 receiving or distributing revenue collected from a tax  
3 imposed under this title shall finance any lobbying  
4 activities through accounts that are separate and independent  
5 from the account that receives any revenues collected from a  
6 tax imposed under this title.

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8 (b) As used in this article, "lobby" or "lobbying"  
9 means to attempt to influence legislation or to campaign to  
10 support or oppose a candidate, initiative or referendum or  
11 ballot proposition. "Lobby" or "lobbying" does not include:

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13 (i) Testifying before a governmental committee;

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15 (ii) Providing data, education or information on  
16 the potential effects of proposed legislation, initiatives,  
17 referenda or ballot propositions;

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19 (iii) Activity by a public official or public  
20 employee that is conducted in furtherance of the official's  
21 or employee's job duties or that informs the public regarding  
22 proposed measures that may significantly impact the  
23 official's or employee's government operations or programs.

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2           **Section 2.** W.S. 9-13-105(b)(intro) and (ii) is amended  
3 to read:

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5           **9-13-105. Misuse of office.**

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7           (b) A public official, public member, ~~or~~ public  
8 employee or person who receives revenue from a tax imposed  
9 under title 39 of the Wyoming statutes shall not use public  
10 funds, time, personnel, facilities or equipment for political  
11 or campaign activity unless the use is:

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13           (ii) Properly incidental to another activity  
14 required or authorized by law and the public official, public  
15 employee, ~~or~~ public member or other person who receives  
16 revenue from a tax imposed under title 39 of the Wyoming  
17 statutes allocates and reimburses the governmental entity for  
18 any additional costs incurred for that portion of the activity  
19 not required or authorized by law.

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21           **Section 3.** This act applies to revenue collected on or  
22 after July 1, 2020 from a tax imposed under title 39.

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1           **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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