

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0172

Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to concealed weapons; repealing gun free
 2 zones; providing for the carrying of concealed weapons as
 3 specified; creating a criminal offense for prohibiting
 4 entry to a person carrying a concealed weapon as specified;
 5 clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate
 6 firearms, weapons and ammunition; providing for exceptions;
 7 requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-8-105 is created to read:

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1 **6-8-105. Exceptions for state issued concealed carry**
2 **permits; penalty.**

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4 (a) This section shall be known as and may be cited
5 as the "Wyoming Repeal Gun Free Zones Act."

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7 (b) Persons lawfully carrying concealed weapons in
8 Wyoming under W.S. 6-8-104(a)(ii) through (iv) may carry a
9 concealed weapon in the following places:

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11 (i) Any meeting of a governmental entity;

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13 (ii) Any meeting of the legislature or a
14 committee thereof;

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16 (iii) Any public building not otherwise
17 prohibited under W.S. 6-8-104(t) or regulated under this
18 section.

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20 (c) Persons lawfully carrying concealed weapons in
21 Wyoming with a permit issued under W.S. 6-8-104(a)(ii) may
22 carry a concealed weapon in the following places:

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1 (i) Any public school, public college or
2 university athletic event taking place on public property
3 that does not sell alcoholic beverages;

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5 (ii) Any public elementary or secondary school
6 facility;

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8 (iii) Any public college or university facility.

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10 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

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12 (i) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon
13 where otherwise prohibited under W.S. 6-8-104(t);

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15 (ii) Prohibit a private property owner from
16 restricting firearms on his private property;

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18 (iii) Prohibit a governmental entity from
19 prohibiting the open carry, display or wearing of a firearm
20 in its facilities or on its campus;

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22 (iv) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon
23 into facilities where otherwise prohibited by law;

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2 (v) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon
3 within state agency operated health and human services
4 settings, health and human services facilities that are
5 licensed by the department of family services or department
6 of corrections or health and human services facilities that
7 are certified by the behavioral health division of the
8 department of health to provide residential services;

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10 (vi) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon
11 within any facility where explosive or volatile materials
12 are present. For purposes of this paragraph "explosive or
13 volatile materials" shall not include materials that are
14 either in an insufficient amount or in a form such that the
15 material could not reasonably cause serious bodily injury
16 due to the materials explosive or volatile nature;

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18 (vii) Prohibit a governmental entity from
19 requiring any employee or student to store firearms within
20 a concealed biometric container or locking container when
21 not being carried on the employee's or student's person,
22 except said rules shall not:

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1 (A) Prohibit the storage of firearms and
2 ammunition in public campus housing by any employee or
3 student authorized to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to
4 this section; or

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6 (B) Require that a firearm be stored
7 unloaded or separate from its ammunition.

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9 (e) Any person who knowingly prohibits entry to
10 another person for lawfully carrying a concealed weapon
11 into a place authorized pursuant to subsection (b) or (c)
12 of this section, unless otherwise prohibited under
13 subsection (d) of this section, when the person would
14 otherwise be permitted entry is guilty of a misdemeanor
15 punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year,
16 a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00),
17 or both.

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19 (f) The board of trustees in each school district may
20 adopt rules and regulations to govern employees lawfully
21 carrying concealed weapons in Wyoming under W.S. 6-8-104 on
22 or in any property or facility owned or leased by the
23 school district. If no rules and regulations are adopted

1 under this subsection, an employee with a permit to conceal
2 carry under W.S. 6-8-104(a)(ii) may carry a concealed
3 weapon under W.S. 6-8-105(c)(ii) or (iii) onto school
4 property. Any rules and regulations adopted under this
5 subsection shall only apply to persons who are employees,
6 as defined by subsection (g) of this section. The rules
7 under this subsection shall:

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9 (i) Require any person carrying a firearm
10 pursuant to this section to maintain the firearm on his
11 person at all times or in a concealed biometric container
12 or lock box within the direct control of the person at all
13 times;

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15 (ii) Establish ongoing training requirements,
16 curricula and instructor qualifications, in consultation
17 with local law enforcement, including:

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19 (A) An initial course of training comprised
20 of not less than sixteen (16) hours of live fire handgun
21 training, and eight (8) hours of scenario based training
22 using nonlethal training, firearms and ammunition; and

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1 (B) Annual firearm qualification and
2 documented recurrent training of not less than twelve (12)
3 hours with an approved instructor.

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5 (g) For purposes of subsection (f) of this section,
6 "employee" means any person employed by a school district,
7 including but not limited to, superintendents, assistant
8 superintendents, principals, assistant principals,
9 teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, teacher's aids,
10 coaches, business managers, secretaries or administrative
11 assistants, janitors, bus drivers or other employees of a
12 school district.

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14 (h) The board of trustees in any school district may
15 waive all or part of the training requirements of paragraph
16 (f)(ii) of this section for isolated rural schools and
17 employees in those schools.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 6-8-401(c) is amended to read:

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21 **6-8-401. Firearm, weapon and ammunition regulation**
22 **and prohibition by state.**

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1 (c) The sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation,
2 manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use and
3 possession of firearms, weapons and ammunition shall be
4 authorized, regulated and prohibited by the state, and
5 regulation thereof is preempted by the legislature of the
6 state of Wyoming. Except as authorized by W.S.
7 15-1-103(a)(xviii) and ~~21-3-132~~23-1-302, no state agency
8 or entity, city, town, county, political subdivision or any
9 other entity shall authorize, regulate or prohibit the
10 sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture,
11 ownership, transportation, storage, use, carrying or
12 possession of firearms, weapons, accessories, components or
13 ammunition except as specifically provided by this chapter.
14 This section shall not affect zoning or other ordinances
15 which encompass firearms businesses along with other
16 businesses. Zoning and other ordinances which are designed
17 for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the sale,
18 purchase, transfer or manufacture of firearms or ammunition
19 as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are in
20 conflict with this section and are prohibited.

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22 **Section 3.** W.S. 6-8-104(t)(iv) through (vi), (ix) and
23 (x) and 21-3-132 are repealed.

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2 **Section 4.** The state building commission shall begin
3 promulgating any rules necessary to administer this act not
4 later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of
5 this act.

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7 **Section 5.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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