

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0239

Firearms in private vehicles.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Krone

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to employment; allowing firearms to be
2 stored in a motor vehicle located in a motor vehicle
3 parking area as specified; providing exemptions; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-15-101 through 27-15-104 are
9 created to read:

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CHAPTER 15

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PROTECTION OF SECURED FIREARMS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

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27-15-101. Title.

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1 This act shall be known as the "Right to Keep and Bear Arms
2 in Private Vehicles Act."

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4 **27-15-102. Definitions.**

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6 (a) As used in this act:

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8 (i) "Firearm" means as defined by W.S.
9 6-8-403(a)(iii);

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11 (ii) "Motor vehicle" means as defined by W.S.
12 31-1-101(a)(xv);

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14 (iii) "Motor vehicle parking" means an area
15 available for temporary or long term parking or storage of
16 motor vehicles which is available to employees, customers
17 and invitees;

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19 (iv) "Employee" means any person who:

20 (A) Works for salary, wages or other
21 compensation;

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23 (B) Is an independent contractor; or

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(C) Is a volunteer, intern or other similar individual.

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(v) "Employer" means any business that is a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, professional association, cooperative, joint venture, trust, firm, institution, entity or association that has employees;

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(vi) "This act" means W.S. 27-15-101 through 27-15-104.

27-15-103. Protection of certain activities; firearms.

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(a) An employer may not establish, maintain or enforce any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any employee from transporting or storing a firearm in a motor vehicle on any property designated for motor vehicle parking, if:

1 (i) The individual is legally permitted to
2 transport, possess, purchase, receive, transfer or store
3 the firearm;

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5 (ii) The firearm is locked securely in the motor
6 vehicle or is in a locked container attached to the motor
7 vehicle while the motor vehicle is not occupied; and

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9 (iii) The firearm is not in plain view from the
10 outside of the motor vehicle.

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12 (b) An employer has no duty of care related to the
13 acts or omissions required by this act.

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15 (c) An employer that complies with this act is not
16 liable in any criminal or civil action for damages
17 resulting from or arising out of an occurrence involving
18 the transportation or storage of a firearm in a motor
19 vehicle on property designated for motor vehicle parking.
20 This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions,
21 unrelated to compliance with this act, constituting gross
22 negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

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1 (d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to expand
2 any existing duty, or create any additional duty, on the
3 part of an employer or that employer's agent.
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5 **27-15-104. Exemptions.**
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7 (a) The provisions of this act allowing secured
8 firearms in motor vehicles do not apply to:
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10 (i) School premises, including any school
11 building or school grounds in this state and other
12 properties owned or leased by a school;
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14 (ii) Government entities, including a local
15 authority or state entity;
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17 (iii) Religious organizations, including
18 religious organizations acting as an employer.
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20 (b) Nothing in this act affects restrictions on the
21 carrying of concealed weapons as provided in W.S.
22 6-8-104(t).
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1 (c) This act does not apply to any other property
2 owned or leased by an employer upon which possession of a
3 firearm is prohibited under federal law.

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

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