

Wyoming Liberty Index

62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

HB0032, Snowmobile permit and registration fees.

Sponsors: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

Aye votes: Representatives Barlow, Berger, Blevins, Blikre, Brown, Burkhart, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Coleman, Connolly, Davison, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Filer, Freeman, Gingery, Goggles, Greene, Halverson, Harshman, Harvey, Hunt, Hutchings, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Krone, Larsen, Lockhart, Loucks, Madden, Mader, McKim, Miller, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Northrup, Patton, Paxton, Petroff, Semlek, Sommers, Stubson, Teeters, Walters, Wilson, Zwonitzer, Dn. and Zwonitzer, Dv. Senators Anderson, JD S02, Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Coe, Cooper, Craft, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hines, Johnson, Landen, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Peterson, Ross, Rothfuss, Schiffer and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Baker, Blake, Gay, Greear, Jaggi, Kroeker, Lubnau, Piiparinen, Reeder, Watt and Winters Senators Case, Hicks, Perkins and Scott

Signed by the Governor.

Comments

Raises non-commercial snowmobile registration fees by 700%, commercial fees from \$75 to \$105, and non-resident from \$25 to \$35. Includes an exception for snowmobiles used entirely on private land. I'd call this a bad bill except that most snowmobiles are entirely unregistered, and this will encourage more non-registration.

R+: The General Trails Program would receive between \$300K-\$500K per year above current annual income. This bill raises snowmobile licensing fees by 40%. Licensing and most snowmobile trail maintenance is a government monopoly in Wyoming. Any time that a monopoly wants to raise prices rather than working to cut administrative costs it is suspectâ€”effectively guilty until proven innocent, especially during times of recession.

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

Categories

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