

2017 Legislative Session – Summary of Legislation Affecting the Legal System

This year the WTLA legislative team evaluated the almost 500 bills filed and actively tracked, monitored and lobbied more than seventy. We also provided assistance to lawmakers who requested help with bills they sponsored or had questions about.

Often WTLA is the only voice advocating for Wyoming workers and families during the legislative session. We were there this year for your clients in the civil arena, on criminal justice issues, family law and for your practice opposing sales tax on legal services.

All links will take you to either the Engrossed Act if the legislation passed or the last version considered when the bill failed. The digest link for each bill will provide all action taken including committee and floor votes so you can see how your legislators voted on issues important to you and your clients.

The following summary will give you an idea of the types of legislation considered, the action taken and the outcome. For more information, go to the Wyoming Legislature website, link below. For a complete list of bills filed during the 2017 session click below.

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Bill #	Enrolled Act	Title	Digest - All Action	Status	Summary Link - Summaries of Legislation Passed in 2017 Session
CIVIL					
HB 32	HEA 108	Ski Safety Act	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 52	HEA 101	Governmental Immunity cooperative public transportation	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 72		Volunteer health care	Link Digest	Failed in House Judiciary Committee	
HB 115		Attorneys Fees awarded to prevailing party	Link Digest	Failed in House Judiciary Committee	
HB 142		Governmental immunity-waiver for health care facilities	Link Digest	Failed in Senate Labor Committee	
HB 152	HEA 63	Search and rescue operations	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 42	SEA 50	Opiate overdose emergency treatment	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 64	SEA 60	Crash report confidentiality	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 94	SEA 74	Franchise business relationships	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link

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CRIMINAL					
HB 5 & HB 117		Operation of a Motorboat	Link Digest	HB 5 Withdrawn by sponsor	
		by an intoxicated person	Link Digest	HB 117 not heard in the Senate	
HB 15	HEA 86	Sex offender registration fees and penalties	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 62		Immunity for drug overdose reporting	Link Digest	Failed in Senate 3rd Reading	
HB 87	HEA 70	Return of Victim's Property held as evidence	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 94		Criminal Justice Reform	Link Digest	Failed/was not heard in the Senate	
HB 144		New trial based on actual innocence	Link Digest	Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee	
HB 145		Possession of controlled substances-subsequent offenses	Link Digest	Failed in House Judiciary Committee	
HB 147		Release of arrested persons under the influence	Link Digest	Failed in House COW	
HB 157		Marihuana possession of less than three ounces	Link Digest	Failed House Judiciary Committee	
HB 185		Safety restraints-violations	Link Digest	Failed House COW	
HB 197		Marihuana & THC products policy reform act	Link Digest	Failed in Joint Conference Committee	
HB 202	HEA 99	Motor vehicle insurance-penalties	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 206		Asset Forfeiture	Link Digest	Failed House Judiciary Committee	
HB 215		Drug induced infant endangerment	Link Digest	Failed House COW	
HB 231	HEA 120	Firearm possession-allow felons antique firearms	Link Digest	Assigned a chapter number	Summary Link
HB 232		Drugs and substances control	Link Digest	Failed in House Judiciary Committee	
HB 238	HEA 110	Nude image of a minor disseminated or possessed by a minor	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 240		Death penalty repeal	Link Digest	Failed House Minerals Committee	
HB 244		Public Indecency	Link Digest	Failed - not introduced in the House	

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CRIMINAL Continued					
HB 245		Human Trafficking & child exploitation prevention	Link Digest	Failed House Appropriations Committee	
HB 247		Medical marihuana reciprocity	Link Digest	Failed House Judiciary Committee	
HB 259		Child battery and child abuse	Link Digest	Failed - did not consider House COW	
SF 31		Genetic Information Privacy	Link Digest	Vetoed by the Governor	
SF 32	SEA 89	Peace Officer Recordings	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 33	SEA 33	Computer extortion	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 65		Sexual assault-position of authority	Link Digest	Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee	
SF 76		Burglary	Link Digest	Failed in Senate Judiciary Committee	
SF 84		Stalking Penalties	Link Digest	Failed Senate Judiciary Committee	
SF 113		Felony fleeing or eluding police	Link Digest	Failed House Third Reading	
SF 115	SEA 67	Malicious cruelty to animals	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 129	SEA 86	Sexual assault-school employee	Link Digest	Assigned a chapter number	Summary Link
SF 133	SEA 38	Postmortem despoiling & disposal penalties	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 151		Ignition interlock	Link Digest	Failed House COW	
SF 154	SEA 39	Sex offender registration-accessories	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link

JUDICIARY					
HB 45	HEA 16	Judicial branch budget processes	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 89		Judges of first class cities retention elections	Link Digest	Failed 3rd Reading House	
SF 81	SEA 63	Circuit court judge salaries	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	

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PROCEDURAL					
HB 16	HEA 1	Small Claims Appearance Fee	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 75	HEA 106	Automatic restoration of the right to vote	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 143		Court reporting service providers	Link Digest	Withdrawn	
HB 188		District Court Filing Fees	Link Digest	Failed Senate Judiciary	
HB 192	HEA 75	Court Automation Fee	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 208		Attorney general-elected official	Link Digest	Failed House Minerals Committee	
HB 243		School finance-capital construction funding (Taxes on Legal Services)	Link Digest	Failed in House Revenue Committee	
SF 59	SEA 22	Governmental ethics-clerks of the district courts	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 61		County attorneys - salaries	Link Digest	Failed Senate Judiciary Committee	
SF 85		Court Automation Fee	Link Digest	Failed Senate Judiciary	
SF 93		District court filing fees	Link Digest	Failed Senate Judiciary	
SF 105	SEA 41	Uniform power of attorney act	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 108	SEA 70	Lawsuits challenging state legislative acts	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 128		Attorney general	Link Digest	Failed Senate Judiciary Committee	

WORKERS' COMPENSATION/OSHA					
HB 70	HEA 36	Occupational safety & health administration actions	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 84	HEA 69	Worker's compensation delinquent employers	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 89	SEA 65	Presumptive disability for firefighters	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
SF 167	SEA 54	Worker's compensation-rate discount, modification & credit	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link

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FAMILY					
HB 18	HEA 3	Child Abuse or neglect military families	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 41	HEA 58	Court ordered child placements age restrictions	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 91		Alimony termination	Link Digest	Died in Committee Senate	
HB 153	HEA 96	Parental Rights	Link Digest	Assigned Chapter Number	Summary Link
HB 161	HEA 78	Divorce-residency	Link Digest	Signed by the Governor	Summary Link
HB 216		Sexual assault-custody rights	Link Digest	Failed to be heard House COW	
HB 226		Foster parents bill of rights	Link Digest	Failed House Judiciary Committee	
HB 256		Child support guidelines-amendments	Link Digest	Failed House Judiciary Committee	
HB 260		Child custody	Link Digest	Failed House Judiciary Committee	