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HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Irrevocable letters of credit-financial institutions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lawley

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to environmental quality; clarifying the 2 financial institutions from which operators may obtain 3 irrevocable letters of credit to deposit with the department of environmental quality in lieu of a bond; 4 5 specifying applicability; authorizing rulemaking; and providing for effective dates. 6 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming: 8 9
- **Section 1.** W.S. 35-11-418 and 35-11-504(e) are 10 11 amended to read:
- 13 35-11-418. Cash or securities in lieu of bond.

1 2 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, in lieu 3 of a bond, the operator or its principal may deposit 4 federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department of environmental quality, or cash, or 5 government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit 6 7 issued by a bank organized to do business in the United 8 States, or all four (4). 9 10 (b) For noncoal mining operations that take place on 11 land that is not owned or operated by the United States or 12 a federal agency, in lieu of a bond, the operator or the operator's principal may deposit federally insured 13 certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department 14 15 of environmental quality, or cash, or government 16 securities, or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank or credit union organized to do business in the United 17 18 States, or all four (4).

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(c) Irrevocable letters of credit deposited under this
section shall be issued by a bank that is insured by the
federal deposit insurance corporation or a credit union

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    that is insured by the national credit union
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        35-11-504. Bonding for
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         (e) In lieu of a bond, the operator may deposit
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    federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the
    Wyoming department of environmental quality, cash,
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    government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit
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    issued by a bank or a credit union organized to do business
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    of credit deposited under this subsection shall be issued
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    by a bank that is insured by the federal deposit insurance
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    corporation or a credit union that is insured by the
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    national credit union administration.
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        Section 2. This act shall apply to irrevocable
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    letters of credit deposited under W.S. 35-11-418 and 35-11-
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    504(e) that are issued on and after the effective date of
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   this act.
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1	Section 3. The environmental quality council, upor
2	recommendation by the department of environmental quality,
3	shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.
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5	Section 4.
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7	(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
8	section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.
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LO	(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective
L1	immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
L2	bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
L3	the Wyoming Constitution.
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L 5	(END)