## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0169

Prohibited firearms-business and commercial establishments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Blackburn, Allen, Clem, Lindholm, Lone, Miller and Steinmetz and Senator(s) Meier

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for

- 1 AN ACT relating to trade and commerce; imposing
- 2 responsibility on persons who prevent the legal carrying of
- 3 firearms on a commercial or business premises as specified;
- 4 providing a cause of action for individuals injured or
- 5 damaged as a result of being prevented from carrying a
- 6 firearm on a commercial or business premises as specified;
- 7 providing for the recovery of reasonable costs and
- 8 attorney's fees; and providing for an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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12 **Section 1**. W.S. 1-1-139 is created to read:

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- 14 1-1-139. Responsibility and liability for prohibiting
- 15 firearms on commercial or business premises.

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2 (a) Any person who prohibits the carrying of a 3 firearm on the person's commercial or business premises by 4 individual and the individual is not otherwise 5 restricted from carrying a firearm on the commercial or by Wyoming business premises law 6 shall responsibility for the safety and protection of the 7 8 individual while on the premises.

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(b) An individual who is prohibited by a person from 10 11 bringing a firearm onto the premises of the person's 12 commercial operation or business and who is injured or 13 killed or incurs economic loss or expense, loss of property or any other compensable loss as the result of an incident 14 15 occurring on the premises shall have a cause of action 16 against the person. The cause of action under this 17 subsection shall be limited to incidents that could have 18 reasonably been prevented by the individual if the individual had been lawfully carrying a firearm where 19 20 injuries or losses are caused by:

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22 (i) Other patrons or invitees;

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1	(ii) Trespassers;
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3	(iii) Employees or owners of the commercial
4	operation or business; or
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6	(iv) Vicious or wild animals.
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8	(c) Any person who successfully brings a claim
9	pursuant to this section shall be entitled to reasonable
10	attorney's fees and court costs in addition to any damages.
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12	Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.
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14	(END)

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