O WYOMING WORKER'S COMPENSATION ACT

STATUTORY CITATION: Wyo. Stat. §§ 27-14-101 - 27-14-806

GENERAL SUMMARY: The Wyoming Worker's Compensation Act requires employers who employ individuals in certain specified extra-hazardous occupations to pay workers' compensation premiums to the state. The funds amassed as premiums are used to pay medical and hospital expenses incurred by covered employees who are injured in the course of their employment, and to pay disability or death benefits to such workers or their surviving dependents to offset lost earnings.

Employers who apply to the state for coverage and make required payment of premiums are generally relieved of all liability for the injury or death of an employee on the job, while those who fail to comply are subject to money penalties payable to the state, as well as civil action by injured employees for damages.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE: The Worker's Compensation Act *does not apply* to agricultural workers, other than those engaged in logging.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — Workers' Compensation Division, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY - None.