

No. 136  
Introduced by Welfare  
Committee  
A BILL

AN ACT relating to Public Welfare; to amend and re-enact Section 25-101, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, defining terms as used in this Act; to amend and re-enact Section 25-136, Sub-section (c), Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing the State Agency to co-operate with the Federal Government; to amend and re-enact Section 25-105, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing the State Department to assist the county departments through grants-in-aid and requiring the counties to levy taxes to qualify for grants-in-aid; to amend and re-enact Sub-section (a) of Section 25-111, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing duties of county welfare departments; to amend and re-enact Section 25-115, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, apportioning the revenue derived from county mill levies for Public Welfare purposes; to amend and re-enact Section 25-123, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, requiring the approval of the State Department for welfare grants and authorizing administrative procedures; to amend and re-enact Section 25-124, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, requiring State and county to provide equal proportions of funds for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children except in certain cases and providing that the State should provide all the funds for payments for Aid to the Blind and authorizing the State Department to accept federal funds; to amend and re-enact Section 25-127, Wyoming

Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing State Department to make rules and regulations for the administration of this Act and making it unlawful to disclose the names of recipients of assistance; to amend and re-enact Section 25-132, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing the qualifications of recipients of general relief; to amend and re-enact Section 25-134, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing the qualifications of recipients of Old Age Assistance; to amend and re-enact Section 25-135, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing amounts that may be paid recipients of Old Age Assistance; to amend and re-enact Section 25-136, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing qualifications of recipients of Aid to Dependent Children; to amend and re-enact Section 25-138, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, defining the word "blind"; to amend and re-enact Section 25-139, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing the qualifications of recipients for Aid to the Blind; providing a procedure for reimbursing the State's share of welfare funds expended when the recipient reimburses; to repeal Section 32, CHAPTER 68, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1937, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 129, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1939, and all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith.

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Filed  
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DELIVERED TO COM. NO. 21

RETURNED FROM COM. NO. 21  
Recommended to pass  
Placed in general file  
FEB 8 1947  
Considered in committee of the whole  
Recommended to amended as follows

H. B. 136 AMENDED ADOPTED  
Page 11, line 16, strike out words  
"of \$20.00 per month"  
Page 13, line 6, change the letter  
"a" in the word "subsistence" to "g"

So amended do pass  
COMMITTEE OF WHOLE REPORT ADOPTED  
PLACED ON SECOND READING  
FEB 10 1947  
READ SECOND TIME  
ORDERED ENGROSSED AND READ THIRD TIME  
DELIVERED TO COM. NO. 21

That  
Section 10./ Section 25-134, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended  
and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-134. An aged person shall be entitled to old age assistance under  
this act if he or she:

- (a) Is a citizen of the United States, or in lieu of citizenship, has  
been a resident of the United States for fifteen (15) years.
- (b) Has resided in this State continuously for one (1) year immediately  
preceding the application;
- (c) Has an income and resources which, when joined with the income  
and resources of such person's spouse, are inadequate to provide a reasonable  
subsistence compatible with decency and health;
- (d) Is Sixty-five (65) years of age or older;
- (e) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving  
assistance; provided, however, that an inmate of such institution may make  
application for assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not become  
effective until after he ceases to be an inmate;
- (f) Has not, nor has his or her spouse, deprived himself or herself,  
directly or indirectly, at any time prior to the filing of application for  
assistance, of any property, income or resources for the purpose of qualifying  
for old age assistance.

That  
Section 11./ Section 25-135, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended  
and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-135. The amount of the old age assistance which an aged person  
eligible under this Act shall receive, shall be a granted sum which, when  
added to the net income of recipient, shall be sufficient to provide such person  
with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, and which  
said sum shall not exceed the maximum of \*\*\* SIXTY dollars \*\*\* (\$60.00) per  
month, or if the spouse is also eligible, then the aggregate sum of the  
grants for both husband and spouse shall not exceed \*\*\* NINETY-SIX Dollars  
\*\*\* (\$96.00) per month; provided that if the National Congress should amend  
the Federal Social Security Act to provide larger individual grants-in-aid for  
old age assistance than the present maximum of \$20.00 per month, the State  
Department may within the limits of its resources immediately provide for  
larger grants in Wyoming.

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Introduced by Welfare Committee

A B I L L

for

AN ACT relating to Public Welfare; to amend and re-enact Section 25-101, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, defining terms as used in this Act; to amend and re-enact Section 25-105, Sub-section (c), Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing the State Agency to co-operate with the Federal Government; to amend and re-enact Section 25-106, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing the State Department to assist the county departments through grants-in-aid and requiring the counties to levy taxes to qualify for grants-in-aid; to amend and re-enact Sub-section (a) of Section 25-111, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing duties of county welfare department; to amend and re-enact Section 25-114, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, apportioning the revenue derived from county mill levies for Public Welfare purposes; to amend and re-enact Section 25-123, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, requiring the approval of the State Department for welfare grants and authorizing administrative procedures; to amend and re-enact Section 25-134, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, requiring State and county to provide equal proportions of funds for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children except in certain cases and providing that the State should provide all the funds for payments for Aid to the Blind and authorizing the State Department to accept Federal funds; to

amend and re-enact Section 25-127, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing State Department to make rules and regulations for the administration of this Act and making it unlawful to disclose the names of recipients of assistance; to amend and re-enact Section 25-133, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing the qualifications of recipients of general relief; to amend and re-enact Section 25-134, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing the qualifications of recipients of Old Age Assistance; to amend and re-enact Section 25-135, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, authorizing amounts that may be paid recipients of Old Age Assistance; to amend and re-enact Section 25-136, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing qualifications of recipients of Aid to Dependent Children; to amend and re-enact Section 25-138, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, defining the word "blind"; to amend and re-enact Section 25-139, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, prescribing the qualifications of recipients for Aid to the Blind; providing a procedure for reimbursing the State's share of welfare funds expended when the recipient reimburses; to repeal Section 32, Chapter 86, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1937, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 129, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1939, and all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith.

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Introduced  
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Feb. 7, 1947  
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Returned from Com. No. 21  
Recommended do pass  
Placed on general file

Feb. 8, 1947  
Considered in Com. of the whole  
Recommended be amended as follows  
Page 11, line 18, strike out words  
"of \$20.00 per month"  
Page 13, line 6, change the letter  
"a" in the word "subsistence to  
"s"  
So amended do pass  
Committee of whole report adopted  
Placed on second reading

Feb. 10, 1947  
Read second time  
Ordered engrossed and read third  
time  
Delivered to Com. No. 18

RETURNED FROM COM. NO. 18  
PLACED ON THIRD READING

FEB 11 1947

READ THIRD TIME

PASSED

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SENT TO SENATE

FEB 22 1947

Received from House	
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Referred to Com. No.	21
Delivered to Com. No.	21

Returned from Committee No. 20  
RECOMMEND DO PASS  
Placed on general file

FEB 20 1947

Considered in Committee of the Whole

**RECOMMEND DO PASS**

Committee of Whole Report Adopted

FEB 21 1947

**READ SECOND TIME**

Amend as follows

Page 10, line 15; Insert  
"and" after the word "State"

Amendment adopted

Ordered read third time

Under suspension of the Rules

**READ THIRD TIME**

Passed. Yeas 21. Nays 0. Aye. 21. No. 0. Yeas 21. Nays 0.

Sent to House

H. B. No. 136

Introduced by McElroy Committee

A B I L L

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That Section 25-101, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-101. As used in this Act:

"State Department" means the State Department of Public Welfare created by this Act;

"State Board" means the State Board of Public Welfare created by this Act;

"Director" means the Director of the State Department of Public Welfare created by this Act;

"County Department" means the County Department of Public Welfare created by this Act in the several counties of the State;

"County Board" means the County Board of Public Welfare created by this Act in the several counties of the State;

"County Director" means the Director of the County Department of Public Welfare created by this Act in the several counties of the State;

"Applicant" means a person who has applied for assistance under this Act;

"Recipient" means a person who has received assistance under this Act;

"Old-Age Assistance" means money payments to aged persons in need;

"Aid to Dependent Children" means money payments with respect to a dependent child or children as herein defined;

"Aid to the Blind" means money payments to blind persons in need;

"CHILD WELFARE SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES FOR THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF HOMELESS, DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN, AND THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE IN DANGER OF BECOMING DELINQUENT;

"General Relief" means any type of assistance in which the Federal Government does not participate;

"GENERAL WELFARE" MEANS ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE IN WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE AND EXCLUDES GENERAL WELFARE HEALTH;

"Assistance" in general, means the provision, by the County Department, of subsistence needs, or services necessary to health and decency, by means of money payments or otherwise;

"Dependent Child" means a needy child under the age of sixteen (16), or under the age of eighteen (18) if regularly attending school, who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepmother, stepfather, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle or aunt in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives, as his or their own home;

"Indigent Person" means a person lacking sufficient income or resources to provide for himself or his family a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, or those services deemed necessary by the County Department, in accordance with the standards and policies set by the State Department, for his or his family's well-being;

"Ophthalmologist" means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State and who is actively engaged in the treatment of diseases of the human eye.

Section 2. That Sub-section (c) of Section 25-105, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-105 (c). To cooperate with the Federal Government in any reasonable manner as may be necessary to qualify for federal aid for welfare services and in conformity with the provisions of this Act; including the making of such reports in such forms and containing such information as the Federal Social Security \*\*\* ADMINISTRATION may from time to time require, and to comply with such provisions as such \*\*\* AGENCY may from time to time find necessary to assure the efficient operation of such plans for assistance.

Section 3. That Section 25-106, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-106. The State Department is authorized to assist County Departments financially through grants-in-aid in such amounts as are available and in accordance with the needs of the individual county.

The State Department, from funds in the State Treasury allocable for that purpose, shall from time to time, as it may deem necessary, transfer and deposit, or cause to be transferred and deposited in the offices of the various County Treasurers grants-in-aid in amounts approved by the State Department for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, \*\*\* aid to the blind, CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, and grants-in-aid for general \*\*\* WELFARE and administration; provided, however, that no such grants-in-aid for general \*\*\* WELFARE shall be made to any county in which the Board of County Commissioners has failed to make the mill levies as provided in this Act for these purposes, or in which the County Department has failed to conform with the provisions of this Act and the regulations of the State Department in the administration of funds derived from said levies.

Section 4. That Sub-section (a) of Section 25-111, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-111 (a). Administer all general relief, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, \*\*\* aid to the blind, CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, and perform all of the duties toward the indigent heretofore imposed by law upon the Board of County Commissioners, and such other public welfare functions as may hereafter be imposed by law or as designated by the State Department.

Section 5. That Section 25-114, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-114. From the funds derived by the \*\*\* mill levy for welfare purposes other than hospitalization, dental and medical services, drugs, and burials, there shall be set aside by the County Board, first, sufficient moneys to provide the county's share of old age assistance, second, sufficient moneys to provide the amount necessary to meet the county's share of aid to dependent children, and third, such amount as shall be reasonably necessary for the purpose of administration. The remainder of such funds shall be used for general relief.

That  
Section 6. /Section 25-123, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-123. When a grant of old age assistance, aid to dependent children, or aid to the blind has been approved by the State Department, said State Department shall certify the same to the County Department and the County Treasurer of the county wherein the application was filed, in a certificate which shall contain such information as shall be necessary for the payment of such grant. The grant shall then be payable monthly by the County Treasurer to the recipient upon the order of the County Board of the County in which said recipient resides, from funds available for this purpose, until such time as the grant shall be modified or cancelled in compliance with the provisions of this Act.

When a recipient moves to another state, the grant may be continued, provided, that sufficient evidence is submitted by the recipient that he intends to retain Wyoming residence or receive better care in his new location: Provided further, that the recipient is still eligible to receive assistance on the basis of need.

When a grant for general relief has been approved by the County Department such aid may then be furnished in the form of cash or kind, in the home of the applicant, in welfare homes, poor farms or other public institutions for the support of indigent persons, or in any other manner deemed advisable by the County Department and in accordance with the standards, rules, and regulations set by the State Department.

When a recipient OF GENERAL RELIEF is found to be incompetent to make the best use of the assistance granted under the provisions of the Public Welfare Act, the County Welfare Board may, subject to the approval of the State Department of Public Welfare, appoint or designate a suitable and responsible person as custodian of the assistance granted to such recipient. Said custodian shall have authority, subject to the approval of the County Board, to make such disposition of the assistance grants under his custodianship as in his judgment is to the best advantage of the recipient. Such custodian shall report his acts to the County Board at such times and in the manner required by the County Board.

That  
Section 7. / Section 25-124, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-124. The State and the County shall provide equal proportions of the funds required to meet payments for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children; provided, however, that the State shall provide the necessary additional proportion over and above its share as herein provided in those counties in which the mill levy, as provided in this Act, is insufficient to provide the requisite funds for county participation. The State shall provide all funds for payments for Aid to the Blind. If, under any Federal plan now in operation or hereafter enacted, Federal funds are made available for matching State and County moneys expended for these purposes the State Department is hereby authorized to receive such funds and to apply them in a manner which will conform with the rules and regulations of the Federal agency administering such plan, and which will be equitable to both the State and the County in accordance with the proportion of the cost borne by each.

In meeting the cost of payments for general relief and administration, the State, subject to the provisions of this Act, may make grants-in-aid for purposes other than hospitalization, medical and dental services, drugs, and burials, to those counties in which the mill levy as provided in this Act for welfare purposes is insufficient to provide the requisite funds over and above the amounts required for county participation in old age assistance and aid to dependent children. \*\*\*

That  
Section 8. / Section 25-127, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended  
and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-127. The rule-making powers of the State Department shall include the power to establish and enforce rules and regulations governing the custody, use, and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the State and County Departments. Wherever, under provisions of law, names and addresses of recipients of public assistance are furnished to or held by any other Agency or Department of Government, such Agency or Department of Government shall be required to adopt regulations necessary to prevent the publication of lists thereof or their use for purposes not directly connected with the administration of public assistance.

It shall be unlawful, except for purposes directly connected with the administration of General \*\*\*RELIEF, Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, or Aid to Dependent Children, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department, for any person or persons to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in, or acquiesce in the use of, any list of or names of, or any information concerning, persons applying for or receiving such assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, or communications of the State or County or subdivisions or agencies thereof, or acquired in the course of the performance of official duties.

Violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

That  
Section 9. / Section 25-132, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended  
and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-132. Any indigent person may receive general relief from the County Department of the County in which he is living, provided that he shall have resided in the State of Wyoming and in the county in which he applies, for a period of one year at the time of making application and has not been absent from the State or from the county in which he applies for a period of more than one year immediately preceding the date of application; provided, that absence in the service of the State of Wyoming or the United States shall not be deemed to interrupt residence in the State or county if a domicile be not acquired outside the State. \*\*\*

Section 10. That Section 25-134, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-134. An aged person shall be entitled to old age assistance under this Act if he or she:

- (a) Is a citizen of the United States, or in lieu of citizenship, has been a resident of the United States for fifteen (15) years.
- (b) Has resided in this State continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding the application;
- (c) Has an income and resources which, when joined with the income and resources of such person's spouse, are inadequate to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health;
- (d) Is Sixty-five (65) years of age or older;
- (e) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance; provided, however, that an inmate of such institution may make application for assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not become effective until after he ceases to be an inmate;
- (f) Has not, nor has his or her spouse, deprived himself or herself, directly or indirectly, at any time prior to the filing of application for assistance, of any property, income or resources for the purpose of qualifying for old age assistance.

Section 11. That Section 25-135, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-135. The amount of the old age assistance which an aged person eligible under this Act shall receive, shall be a granted sum which, when added to the net income of recipient, shall be sufficient to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, and which said sum shall not exceed the maximum of \*\*\* SIXTY dollars \*\*\* (\$60.00) per month, or if the spouse is also eligible, then the aggregate sum of the grants for both husband and spouse shall not exceed \*\*\* NINETY-SIX Dollars \*\*\* (\$96.00) per month; provided that if the National Congress should amend the Federal Social Security Act to provide larger individual grants-in-aid for old age assistance than the present maximum, the State Department may within the limits of its resources immediately provide for larger grants in Wyoming

That

Section 12. / Section 25-136, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-136. Aid to Dependent Children shall be awarded with respect to a needy child under the age of 18 who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent; and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle or aunt, in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home; and (1) who has resided in the State for one year immediately preceding application; or (2) whose parent, or whose relative with whom he lives, has resided in the State for one year immediately preceding application; or (3) who, if born within the year immediately preceding application was born within the State, or who has resided in the State substantially from the time of birth, \*\*\* or (4) who is awarded assistance under the terms of an agreement with another State.

That

Section 13. / Section 25-138, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-138. A person shall be considered "blind" for the purpose of this Act whose vision, with correcting glasses, is so defective as to prevent the performance of activities for which eyesight is essential. The State Department shall promulgate rules and regulations stating in terms of ophthalmic measurements the maximum amount of visual acuity which an applicant or a recipient may have and still be eligible for assistance under this Act, provided that the maximum amount of visual acuity so set by rule and regulation shall not be less than 3-60ths or \*\*\* 20-200ths central visual acuity in the better eye with corrective glasses.

That

Section 14. / Section 25-139, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

25-139. Aid to the blind shall be granted under this Act to any blind person who:

- (a) . . . .
- (b) Has resided in this State \*\*\* continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding the application;
- (c) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance, provided, however, that an inmate of such an institution may make

application for assistance but the assistance, if granted, shall not become effective until he ceases to be an inmate;

(d) Is not receiving old age assistance;

(e) Has not sufficient income or resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health;

(f) Has not made an assignment or transfer of property or resources for the purpose of rendering himself eligible for assistance under this Act at any time prior to the filing of application for assistance pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Section 15. FROM ANY SUMS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT BY REASON OF ANY REIMBURSEMENT FROM A RECIPIENT, OR ANYONE ON HIS BEHALF, FOR BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY PAID WHEREIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE PAYMENT, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL WELFARE FUND SHALL IMMEDIATELY REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS' SHARE IN THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO SUCH RECIPIENT. THE AMOUNT OF SUCH REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE IN THE SAME PROPORTION TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED AS THE STATE'S SHARE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S SHARE WAS TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT, SHALL REIMBURSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ITS SHARE IN THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO SUCH RECIPIENT. THE AMOUNT OF SUCH REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE IN THE SAME PROPORTION TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S SHARE WAS TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED.

Section 16. IF ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT FOR ANY REASON BE HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, SUCH DECISION SHALL NOT EFFECT THE VALIDITY OF ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT.

Section 17. Section 32, Chapter 88, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1957, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 129, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1959, and all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with parts of this Act are repealed herewith.

Section 18. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.