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AN ACT to create W.S. 39-1-310 and 39-1-311; and to amend W.S. 1-35-101, 9-4-302, 9-4-904, 11-6-210(a), 11-19-106(c), 11-20-404(b), 11-20-405, 11-20-406, 11-20-407, 18-1-313, 19-3-204(a)(ix) and (x), 18-3-205(a), 18-3-901(a)(iv), 18-3-906, 21-13-303(c), 21-13-310(c), 21-13-703, 24-8-104, 33-20-101(a) intro-ductory paragraph, (i), (ii)(A), (iii) and (iv), 33-23-106(a), 34-1-142(d) and (e), 34-1-143, 35-11-1103, 39-1-101(a)(iii) and by creating a new paragraph (xviii) and renumbering (xviii) as (xix), 39-1-201(a)(xxxi), 39-1-302(a), 39-1-303(a) introductory paragraph, (vi) and (vi), 39-1-305, 39-1-306, 39-1-307, 39-2-101(b), 39-2-102, 39-2-201(a) introductory paragraph, (b) intro-ductory paragraph, (c), (d) and (e) introductory paragraph, 39-2-202(a) and (f) introductory paragraph, 39-2-206(a), (c)(iv) through (vi), 39-2-207, (111), 39-4-103, 39-5-101(a), 39-6-102, 39-6-103, 39-6-104(a), (c) and (d), 39-6-105, 39-6-106, 39-6-108(a)(i11), 39-6-208(a) introductory paragraph and (ii), 39-6-210(a) and (e), 39-6-304(f) and (g), 39-6-403(a) and (e) through (h),

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Director of department of revenue.

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1	AN ACT to create W.S. 39-1-310 and 39-1-311; and to amend
2	W.S. 1-35-101, 9-4-302, 9-4-904, 11-6-210(a),
3	11-19-106(c), 11-20-404(b), 11-20-405, 11-20-406,
4	11-20-407, 18-1-313, 18-3-204(a)(ix) and (x), 18-3-205(a),
5	18-3-901(a)(iv), 18-3-906, 21-13-303(c), 21-13-310(c),
6	21-13-703, 24-8-104, 33-20-101(a) introductory paragraph,
7	(i), (ii)(A), (iii) and (iv), 33-23-106(a), 34-1-142(d)
8	and (e), 34-1-143, 35-11-1103, 39-1-101(a)(iii) and by
9	creating a new paragraph (xviii) and renumbering (xviii)
10	as (xix), 39-1-201(a)(xxxi), 39-1-302(a), 39-1-303(a)
11	introductory paragraph, (vii) and (viii), 39-1-305,

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1	39-1-306, 39-1-307, 39-2-101(b), 39-2-102, 39-2-201(a)
2	introductory paragraph, (b) introductory paragraph, (c),
3	(d) and (e) introductory paragraph, 39-2-202(a) and (f)
4	introductory paragraph, 39-2-206(a), (c)(iv) through (vi),
5	39-2-207, 39-2-302(d), 39-2-401(a)(iv), 39-2-402(a)(i),
6	(ii) and (iv) and (f)(ii) and (iii), 39-4-103,
7	39-5-101(e), 39-6-102, 39-6-103, 39-6-104(a), (c) and (d),
8	39-6-105, 39-6-106, 39-6-108(a)(iii), 39-6-208(a) intro-
9	ductory paragraph and (ii), 39-6-210(a) and (e),
10	39-6-304(f) and (q), $39-6-403(a)$ and (e) through (h),
11	39-6-407(a), (c) and (d), 39-6-408, 39-6-409, 39-6-410(a),
12	(b), (d), (e) and (f), 39-6-411(a) and (b) introductory
13	paragraph, 39-6-412(g)(iv), (h), (j) introductory para-
14	graph, (k)(i), (ii), (v), (vi), (vii) introductory para-
15	graph and (viii), 39-6-414, 39-6-415, 39-6-417(a),
16	39-6-501(b), 39-6-503, 39-6-507 through 39-6-511,
17	39-6-512(a) and (b) introductory paragraph, 39-6-513,
18	39-6-515, 39-6-517(c), 39-6-602(b), (c) and (d), 39-6-603,
19	39-6-604, 39-6-808(a) introductory paragraph,
20	39-6-809(a)(iii), 39-6-811(a)(i) and 39-6-813(a), (b) and
21	(c); and to repeal W.S. 39-1-101(a)(iv), 39-1-302(b) and
22	39-1-304 relating to property taxation; providing for a
23	director of the department of revenue and taxation; pro-
24	viding powers and duties; specifying duties of the board

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1	of equalization; abolishing the state tax commission; pro-
2	viding rulemaking authority; and providing for an effec-
3	tive date.
<b>4</b>	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:
5	Section 1. W.S. 39-1-310 and 39-1-311 are created
6	to read:
7	<u>39-1-310. Creation, terms and duties of board of</u>
8	equalization.
9	(a) There is hereby created an independent hearing
10	board consisting of three (3) members to be known as the
11	Wyoming state board of equalization. The board shall be
12	appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of
13	the senate. Not all of the members appointed by the gov-
14	ernor shall be the same political party, and no two (2)
15	members shall be from the same judicial district.
16	(b) The terms of the three (3) members appointed by
17	the governor shall be for four (4) year terms, except that
18	on the initial appointment, one (1) member shall serve for
19	two (2) years, one (1) member shall serve for three (3)
20	years and one (1) member shall serve for four (4) years as
21	designated by the initial appointment of the governor.
22	When a vacancy occurs, the governor shall appoint a member

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for the remaining portion of the unexpired term created by
 the vacancy.

3 (c) At the organizational meeting of the board to be 4 held within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this 5 act, the members shall elect from their number a chairman 6 and vice-chairman who shall serve a two (2) year term and 7 are subject to reelection to their positions.

8 (d) The board shall meet at least quarterly and, in 9 addition, may meet as often as necessary for the adminis-10 tration and conduct of the business of the board.

(e) When engaged in the performance of their duties
members of the board shall receive the same salary, per
diem and mileage as members of the legislature.

(f) The board shall sit as a quasi-judicial body to hear appeals from county boards of equalization. The board may affirm, modify or reverse any decision of a county board of equalization. In addition, the board shall have the powers and is hereby charged with the duties:

19 (i) To manage its internal affairs and pre20 scribe rules of practice and procedure;

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(ii) To hold hearings after due notice in the

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1 manner and form provided in the Wyoming Administrative 2 Procedure Act and its own rules and regulations of prac-3 tice and procedure promulgated in connection with this 4 act;

5 (iii) In connection with any hearing held pursuant to this act, the board may subpoena, and compel the 6 7 attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence 8 reasonably necessary to resolve the matter under consider-9 ation. The board shall issue subpoenas upon its own 10 motion or upon the request of any party to the proceedings 11 under this title in compliance with the Wyoming Rules of 12 Civil Procedure.

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#### <u>39-1-311.</u> Powers and duties of director.

14 (a) In addition to the other powers and duties
15 imposed by law, the director of the department of revenue
16 and taxation shall:

(i) Examine and compare the returns of the assessment of the property in the several counties and equalize the same, so that all taxable property in the state is assessed at its fair value, and to that end may add to or deduct from the aggregate valuation of the property, or any class or classes of property, in any county

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1 such percent as will bring the same to its fair value. 2 When any assessed valuation is to be increased or 3 decreased, the director shall provide not less than five 4 (5) days notice of the action and an opportunity for a 5 hearing taken to the board of equalization of the county 6 in which the property is situated. After a hearing, if 7 requested, the county board of equalization shall take the 8 necessary action to effectuate the action taken by the 9 director:

10 (ii) When in the opinion of the director, it 11 would be of assistance in equalizing values, the director 12 may require any county assessor to furnish statements 13 showing assessments of the property of any person within 14 the county. The director shall consider and equalize 15 county assessments and may increase or decrease assess-16 ments returned by the county board of equalization when 17 the property so assessed appears to be over-valued or under-valued, first giving notice to those 18 persons 19 affected. The notice shall fix a time and place of hear-20 ing. Any affected person may appeal from the decision of 21 the director to the district court of the county in which 22 the property is situated;

(iii) Decide all questions that may arise with

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reference to the construction of any statute affecting the assessment, levy and collection of taxes, in accordance with the advice and opinion of the attorney general, whose opinion and the rules, regulations, orders and instructions prescribed by the director are binding until reversed, annulled or modified by a court of competent jurisdiction;

8 (iv) Require each county assessor immediately 9 after the county boards of equalization have been notified 10 by the director of the amount of the county values and 11 state levy, to certify to the director, on or before 12 August 10 of each year, in the form and detail prescribed 13 by the director, all valuations and levies fixed in their 14 respective counties;

(v) Institute or cause to be instituted any proceedings, either civil or criminal, provided by law as a punishment for the neglect, failure or refusal to obey any lawful requirement or order by the director, or to prevent the violation or disobedience of any lawful requirement or order, or to compel their enforcement;

(vi) Specify the amount of land for mines or
mining claims to which the gross output tax or assessment
of coal lands provisions of the constitution apply;

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1 (vii) At the time of making annual assessment 2 for state purposes, direct the boards of county commis-3 sioners of the several counties to levy upon all taxable 4 property a tax sufficient to pay the interest on all state 5 bonds for that year;

6 (viii) Hold hearings after due notice in the 7 manner and form provided in the Wyoming Administrative 8 Procedure Act and its own rules and regulations of prac-9 tice and procedure;

10 (ix) Certify to the county boards of equaliza-11 tion the amount of levy for state purposes on or before 12 the first Monday in August. Whenever the valuation of any 13 county is changed by the director, the officers of the 14 county who have authority to levy taxes shall use the val-15 uation as fixed by the director as a basis for making tax 16 levies for all purposes;

17 (x) Prescribe forms for uniform schedules, 18 rolls and other documents, and draft and require the use 19 of a standard form of tax notice by each of the several 20 counties to uniformly designate, detail and total the 21 levies and valuations established within the counties;

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(xi) Determine how lands should be classified

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1 for assessment purposes;

2 (xii) Prescribe the system of establishing the fair value of all property valued for property taxation to 3 4 ensure that all property is uniformly valued. The county assessor and the facilities of his office, together with 5 6 the deputy assessors and clerical assistants in each 7 county, at the direction of the director, shall give full 8 aid in the installation of the prescribed system in the 9 county. The county shall also furnish the necessary sup-10 plies and records for installing the system;

11 (xiii) Carefully examine into all cases 12 wherein it is alleged that property subject to taxation 13 has not been assessed or has been fraudulently, improp-14 erly, or unequally assessed, or the law in any manner 15 evaded or violated, and cause to be instituted proceedings 16 which will remedy improper or negligent administration of 17 the tax laws of the state;

18 (xiv) Confer with, advise and give necessary 19 instructions and directions to county assessors as to 20 their duties under the laws of the state. The director or 21 his designees shall officially visit each county of the 22 state annually and inquire into the method of assessment 23 and taxation and ascertain whether the assessors faith-

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fully discharge their duties, particularly as to their
 compliance with the laws requiring the assessment of all
 property not exempt from taxation;

4 (xv) Require persons to furnish information 5 required by the director concerning all relevant matters 6 pertaining to property owned by them for purposes of taxa-7 tion;

8 (xvi) Direct proceedings, actions and prosecu-9 tions to be instituted to enforce the laws relating to the 10 liability and punishment of persons for failure or neglect to comply with the provisions of the laws of this state 11 12 governing the return, assessment and taxation of property, 13 and cause complaints to be made against county assessors, 14 members of county boards of equalization, or any other 15 assessing or taxing officers, to the proper authority, for 16 their removal from office for misconduct or neglect of 17 duty;

18 (xvii) Furnish the governor all information he 19 may require relative to tax matters, and annually transmit 20 to the governor on or before the third Monday of December 21 and to each member of the legislature on or before the 22 second Tuesday in January, the report of the department 23 for the year showing in tabulated form all taxable prop-

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1 erty in the state and its value;

2 (xviii) Require the attorney general or dis-3 trict attorneys in their respective districts to assist in 4 the commencement and prosecution of actions and proceed-5 ings for penalties, forfeitures, removals and punishments 6 for violations of the laws of the state respecting the 7 assessment and taxation of property, and to represent the 8 department or director in any litigation in which they may 9 become involved in the discharge of their duties;

10 (xix) Require any public officer to report 11 information relating to the assessment of property, col-12 lection of taxes, receipts from excises and other sources, 13 and whatever other information the director may need in 14 the form he prescribes;

15 (xx) Provide not less than five (5) days
16 notice and an opportunity to be heard to the county board
17 of equalization and the county assessor of any county or
18 counties in which the taxable value of any class of prop19 erty is to be increased or decreased;

20 (xxi) Monitor the work in progress in the 21 office of each county assessor to determine that proce-22 dures and formulae promulgated by the director are being

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strictly observed and applied;

2 (xxii) Organize and conduct regular continuing 3 education programs for county assessors relating to the 4 subjects of appraising and assessing property, and office 5 procedures attendant thereto. Attendance of the county assessors at the education programs is required. 6 The director shall report excessive absences of any county 7 8 assessor to the appropriate board of county commissioners 9 and to the governor.

(b) The director shall be removed from office by the
governor pursuant to W.S. 9-1-202 for failure to carry
out and enforce the provisions of this section.

13 (c) The following shall be adopted in accordance 14 with the requirements and procedures of the Wyoming Admin-15 istrative Procedure Act:

16 (i) Adoption of any manual, formula, method or
17 system to be used to determine the fair market value of
18 property for tax purposes;

19 (ii) Adoption of any formula, method, system
20 or computation for determining taxable value if such value
21 is different than fair market value;

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1 (iii) Adoption of standards, guidelines, cri-2 teria or methods to implement W.S. 39-1-311(a)(iii) and 3 (iv).

4 (d) The enumeration of specific actions or decisions 5 which must be implemented by a properly adopted rule set 6 forth in subsection (c) of this section is not exclusive 7 and does not limit in any way the applicability of the 8 Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act to other actions or 9 decisions of the director.

10 2. W.S. 1-35-101, 9-4-302, Section 9-4-904, 11-6-210(a), 11-19-106(c), 11-20-404(b), 11-20-405, 11 12 11-20-406, 11-20-407, 18-1-313, 18-3-204(a)(ix) and (x), 13 18-3-205(a), 18-3-901(a)(iv), 18-3-906, 21-13-303(c), 14 21-13-310(c), 21-13-703, 24-8-104, 33-20-101(a) introduc-15 tory paragraph, (i), (ii)(A), (iii) and (iv), 16 33-23-106(a), 34-1-142(d) and (e), 34-1-143, 35-11-1103, 17 39-1-101(a)(iii) and by creating a new paragraph (xviii) 18 renumbering (xviii) as (xix), 39-1-201(a)(xxxi), and 19 39-1-302(a), 39-1-303(a) introductory paragraph, (vii) and 20 (viii), 39-1-305, 39-1-306, 39-1-307, 39-2-101(b), 21 39-2-102, 39-2-201(a) introductory paragraph, (b) intro-22 ductory paragraph, (c), (d) and (e) introductory para-23 graph, 39-2-202(a) and (f) introductory paragraph,

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1	39-2-206(a), (c)(iv) through (vi), 39-2-207, 39-2-302(d),
2	39-2-401(a)(iv), 39-2-402(a)(i), (ii) and (iv) and (f)(ii)
3	and (iii), 39-4-103, 39-5-101(e), 39-6-102, 39-6-103,
4	39-6-104(a), (c) and (d), 39-6-105, 39-6-106,
5	39-6-108(a)(iii), 39-6-208(a) introductory paragraph and
6	(ii), 39-6-210(a) and (e), 39-6-304(f) and (q),
7	39-6-403(a) and (e) through (h), 39-6-407(a), (c) and (d),
8	39-6-408, 39-6-409, 39-6-410(a), (b), (d), (e) and (f),
9	39-6-411(a) and (b) introductory paragraph,
10	39-6-412(g)(iv), (h), (j) introductory paragraph, (k)(i),
11	(ii), (v), (vi), (vii) introductory paragraph and (viii),
12	39-6-414, 39-6-415, 39-6-417(a), 39-6-501(b), 39-6-503,
13	39-6-507 through 39-6-511, 39-6-512(a) and (b) introduc-
14	tory paragraph, 39-6-513, 39-6-515, 39-6-517(c),
15	39-6-602(b), (c) and (d), 39-6-603, 39-6-604, 39-6-808(a)
16	introductory paragraph, 39-6-809(a)(iii), 39-6-811(a)(i)
17	and 39-6-813(a), (b) and (c) are amended to read:

18 <u>1-35-101. Actions against state agencies deemed</u>
19 <u>actions against state; jurisdiction.</u> Any action permitted
20 by law which is brought against the Wyoming farm loan
21 board, board of land commissioners, state board of chari22 ties and reform, public service commission of Wyoming,
23 state--beard--ef--equalization--ef-Wyoming DIRECTOR OF THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION or the trustees of the

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University of Wyoming is an action against the state of
 Wyoming and no action shall be brought against any of such
 THE boards, commissions, DIRECTOR or trustees except in
 the courts of the state of Wyoming, and no action shall be
 maintained against any of such THE boards, commissions,
 DIRECTOR or trustees in any other jurisdiction.

7 9-4-302. Payment of expenses of charitable institu-8 tions; special county tax. Whenever it appears to the 9 state-board-of-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION that there will not be sufficient 10 REVENUE AND 11 money in the general fund to pay the expenses of support-12 ing the state charitable institutions in addition to pay-13 ing the other expenses authorized to be paid from the gen-14 eral fund by legislative appropriation, the beard--of 15 equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND 16 TAXATION, at the time of making the annual assessment for 17 state purposes, may direct the boards of county commis-18 sioners of the several counties to levy on all taxable 19 property a special tax not exceeding one (1) mill on each 20 dollar of the assessed valuation thereof, for the purpose 21 of raising sufficient money which, together with the money 22 available therefor in the general fund, is sufficient to 23 pay the expenses of supporting the state charitable insti-24 tutions as authorized by the legislature. The money raised

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by the special tax shall be credited to the general 1 fund. 2 9-4-904. Tax levy to pay principal and interest. The state--beard--ef--equalization DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND 3 4 TAXATION shall, each year at the time of making the annual 5 levy for state purposes, direct the boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the state to levy 6 7 upon all taxable property therein a tax, which, with other 8 funds available for the purpose, is sufficient to pay the 9 principal of and the interest on refunding bonds as the 10 bonds respectively become due and payable. The tax shall 11 be payable in cash, and when paid shall be remitted to the 12 state treasurer to be credited to the debt service fund 13 for the purpose of paying the principal of and the inter-14 est on the refunding bonds.

15 <u>11-6-210. Creation of predatory animal district</u>
 16 <u>fund; sources of revenue; referendum for additional tax;</u>
 17 <u>donations; appropriation by county commissioners.</u>

(a) At the time of the annual levy of general taxes,
the board of county commissioners of the county wherein
each district is situated shall levy an additional special
tax in the amount certified to it by the district board as
provided by W.S. 11-6-204, not to exceed twenty (20) mills
on the dollar on sheep assessments and not to exceed two

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1 (2) mills on the dollar on cattle assessments in their 2 respective districts according to the assessed valuation 3 of each as fixed by the state-beard-of-equalization DIREC-TOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION. The taxes 4 5 shall be collected with other taxes and paid to the county treasurer and shall be kept in a special continuing fund, 6 to be known as the "Predatory Animal District Fund of .... 7 8 County".

9 <u>11-19-106. Slaughter of diseased animals; owner's</u>
10 <u>claims; submission to state auditor and veterinarian;</u>
11 <u>review of rejected claim by board of arbitration; composi-</u>
12 <u>tion thereof; amount of indemnity; limitation on claims;</u>
13 <u>when indemnity not allowed.</u>

14 (C) The indemnity granted shall be that amount fixed 15 by the state-beard-of-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPART-MENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION each year for assessment of 16 17 livestock. It shall be paid to the owner upon his applica-18 tion and presentation of proofs prescribed herein within 19 six (6) months of the date of slaughter for which payment 20 is claimed. The claim shall be barred if not presented 21 within the time limited.

22 <u>11-20-404.</u> Special annual tax levied on livestock;
 23 report of receipts and expenses; director to fix mill tax.

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1 board shall submit a request to the state (b) The 2 beard-of-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVE-NUE AND TAXATION to levy and collect a tax sufficient to 3 4 raise the sum desired. The beard-of-equalization DIRECTOR 5 shall order and fix the mill rate of tax to be levied each year, sufficient to produce a sum sufficient to pay the 6 7 deficit for the previous year and all expenses for the 8 forthcoming year which will become due and payable prior 9 to receipt of monies to pay the same as determined by the 10 statement of revenues and expenses. The mill levy fixed by 11 the beard--of-equalization DIRECTOR shall be certified to 12 the county commissioners of each county on or before the 13 first Monday of July each year.

14 11-20-405. Special annual tax levied on livestock; 15 collection and disposition. The county commissioners of 16 each county, at the time of the annual levy of taxes, must 17 levy the rate of special tax certified to it by the beard 18 of-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND 19 TAXATION, not to exceed ten (10) mills on the dollar of 20 valuation of all cattle, horse, mule and sheep assessments 21 in their respective counties, in addition to the regular 22 and ordinary assessment of taxes levied upon such live-23 stock within their respective counties. The special mill

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1 tax shall be collected by the county treasurer of each 2 county and remitted to the state treasurer of Wyoming. The 3 state treasurer shall place all such money received in the 4 inspection account within the earmarked revenue fund. The 5 account is appropriated for use and expenditure by the 6 board. The state treasurer shall transfer to the account 7 all monies held by him in the livestock market fund and 8 the livestock market inspection fund. Itemized vouchers 9 shall be submitted to the chief executive officer of the 10 board for approval. Upon approval a warrant for the payment of each voucher shall be issued by the state auditor 11 12 for payment from the inspection account.

13 11-20-406. Special annual tax levied on livestock; 14 report to governor. The beard-of-equalization DIRECTOR OF 15 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION shall report to the 16 governor, as required by W.S. 9-2-103 9-2-1014, including 17 an account of the special mill tax ordered by the beard 18 DIRECTOR to be levied upon cattle, horses, mules and sheep 19 in each county of the state, the amount of special tax collected in each county and the amount drawn and paid 20 21 from the inspection account by the state treasurer to the 22 Wyoming livestock board for use in the payment of inspec-23 tion of Wyoming cattle, horses, mules and sheep.

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1 11-20-407. Assessment roll. The county assessor of 2 each county in the state must on or before the first Mon-3 day in June each year prepare from the county assessment 4 rolls as corrected by the county commissioners for that 5 year, a statement showing the total number of cattle, 6 horses, mules and sheep assessed for taxation in his 7 county and their value, and file a certified copy with the 8 county commissioners of his county, and forward a certi-9 fied copy to the state-beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT OF 10 REVENUE AND TAXATION.

11 18-1-313. Assessment of property in new counties. If 12 a new county is organized after the first Monday in Janu-13 ary and before the following fourth Monday in May, the 14 deputy county assessors appointed in the original county 15 or counties for districts included in the new county shall 16 be ex officio deputy assessors for the new county and, 17 with the county assessor of the new county, shall assess and return the value of the taxable property to the new 18 county. The state-beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT OF REV-19 20 ENUE AND TAXATION shall assess all property within the new county authorized by law to be assessed by the beard 21 22 DEPARTMENT, and shall return and certify the same to the 23 new county.

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1	18-3-204. Duties generally.
2	(a) Each county assessor shall:
3	(ix) Faithfully and diligently follow and
4	apply the orders, procedures and formulae of the state
5	beard-ef-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVE-
6	NUE AND TAXATION for the appraisal and assessment of all
7	taxable property;
8	(x) Attend continuing education programs not
9	to exceed forty (40) classroom hours per year provided by
10	or approved by the state-beard-of-equalization DIRECTOR OF
11	THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION.
12	18-3-205. Interfering with assessor; failure to
13	return property; penalties.
14	(a) Any person interfering with the county assessor
15	or deputy county assessor in the discharge of his duties,
16	or any person refusing to allow the county assessor, dep-
17	uty county assessor or representative of the statebeard
18	efequalization DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION to
19	examine any property pursuant to W.S. 39-2-301(c), is
20	guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be
21	fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00),
22	or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months in jail, or
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1 both.

<u>18-3-901. Causes for removal from office enumerated;</u>
<u>procedure as to removal; filling vacancies; section</u>
<u>declared supplemental.</u>

5 (a) The board of county commissioners may declare 6 vacant the office of county assessor, clerk of the dis-7 trict court, county clerk, county sheriff or county trea-8 surer whenever:

9 (iv) The officer, if a county assessor, has 10 failed to carry out and follow the directives and orders 11 of the state-beard-ef-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPART-12 MENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION relative to assessment of 13 property.

14 18-3-906. Prima facie malfeasance in office by sher-15 iffs, district attorneys and county assessors. Every sheriff and district attorney shall prima facie be guilty of 16 17 malfeasance in office and subject to removal where open 18 and continuous violations of any law occur in the county for which such officers are employed. Every county asses-19 20 sor is prima facie guilty of malfeasance in office and 21 subject to removal where the county assessor has failed to 22 carry out and follow the legal directives and legal orders

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of the state-beard-ef-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPART MENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION relative to assessment of
 property.

4 <u>21-13-303.</u> Levy of state tax; disposition of funds;
5 reduction of mill levy.

6 Between July 1 and July 10 of each year the (c) 7 state auditor and the state treasurer shall determine if 8 the unobligated average daily general fund balance over 9 the preceding fiscal year exceeds twenty percent (20%) of 10 the amount of the general fund appropriations for the 11 present biennium. If the unobligated average daily general 12 fund balance exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the amount appropriated, the excess is appropriated and shall be 13 14 transferred into the foundation program account as soon as 15 possible. The auditor and treasurer shall immediately 16 notify the state-beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT OF REVE-17 NUE AND TAXATION of the amount to be transferred. Based on 18 the current assessed valuation of the state, the beard 19 DEPARTMENT shall compute the estimated amount of revenue 20 to be produced by a twelve (12) mill levy, subtract the amount transferred to the foundation program account and 21 22 then compute the mill levy necessary to produce the dif-23 ference. The beard DEPARTMENT shall certify the recomputed

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1 mill levy to the county assessors to be levied and col-2 lected in lieu of the twelve (12) mill state levy for the 3 next tax year.

4 <u>21-13-310. Annual computation of local district</u> 5 resources.

6 Annually, commencing on July 30, 1984, the state (c) 7 board--of-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVE-8 NUE AND TAXATION, when determinable, shall certify to the 9 department of education whether or not the level of local 10 assessments for any category in each county is in accord 11 with the requirements of the beard--of--equalization 12 DIRECTOR and, if not, the percent by which the assessments 13 are below the beard's DIRECTOR'S requirements.

14 21-13-703. Limits on indebtedness. Each school dis-15 trict actually and physically operating within its bound-16 aries a one (1) teacher school or schools or an elementary 17 school or schools and a secondary school or schools shall 18 have a limit on outstanding indebtedness of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of the taxable property 19 20 therein. Any school district actually and physically oper-21 ating within its boundaries only: (a) a one (1) teacher 22 school or schools or an elementary school or schools or (b) a secondary school or schools shall have a limit on 23

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1 outstanding indebtedness of six percent (6%) of the 2 assessed value of the taxable property therein. Nothing in 3 this section shall be construed as permitting any combination of school districts embracing common territory to 4 5 incur a bonded indebtedness of more than ten percent 6 (10%) of the assessed value of the taxable property 7 therein. The amount in any sinking fund available for the 8 payment of outstanding indebtedness may be deducted for 9 the purpose of computing the debt-incurring power of such district. For this purpose, any general assessment for a 10 11 particular district shall become effective when the 12 county assessor shall have received notice from the state 13 beard-ef-equalization DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION 14 of its final approval of the county valuations; provided, 15 however, that if the county assessor receives such notice after the district has entered into an enforceable con-16 tract for the sale of bonds, a new lower assessed valua-17 tion shall not become effective until the day 18 following 19 the date of delivery of such bonds.

20 <u>24-8-104.</u> Tax levies; notice of redemption. The 21 state-beard-ef-equalization DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF 22 REVENUE AND TAXATION shall each year at the time of making 23 the annual levy for state purposes direct the boards of 24 county commissioners of the several counties to levy upon

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1 all taxable property a tax which, with other funds avail-2 able for the purpose, shall be sufficient to pay the 3 interest on all such bonds outstanding for that year. Beginning with the tenth year after date of issue of any 4 5 series of such bonds an additional tax shall be levied which, with other funds available for the purpose, shall 6 be sufficient to redeem one-tenth (1/10) of the bonds in 7 8 such series then outstanding. Notice of the call for the 9 redemption of such bonds shall be given at the office of 10 the state treasurer and at the office of the financial 11 agency where the same are payable.

12 33-20-101. Definitions.

13 (a) When AS used in this act: the-fellowing-terms 14 shall-mean-

15 (i) "Person" shall-mean MEANS an individual,
16 partnership, firm or corporation, receiver or trustee;

(ii) (A) "Itinerant merchant" shall---mean MEANS, except as in this act otherwise provided, every person, whether acting as principal, agent or employee, who shall otherwise than at an established and definite place of business buy and transport by any vehicle for purposes of sale, or transport by any vehicle and sell any

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1 merchandise or tangible personal property; 2 (iii) "Established and definite place of busi-3 ness" shall-mean MEANS a place, including a ranch, farm or 4 feed lot, at which a legitimate, permanent business is 5 carried on in good faith, and not for the purpose of evad-6 ing this act, and shall not mean tents, temporary stands, 7 or other temporary places or quarters, nor permanent quar-8 ters occupied pursuant to any temporary arrangement; 9 (iv) "Board" when used in this act, means the 10 state--beard--ef--equalisation--fer--the--state-ef-Wyeming DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION. 11 12 33-23-106. Board of examiners in optometry; per diem 13 and expenses of members; disposition of funds; treasurer's 14 bond. 15 (a) Each member of the board may receive as compen-16 sation ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day actually engaged 17 in the duties of his office, and per diem and mileage as 18 is allowed state officers. Expenses shall be paid from the 19 fees, fines and assessments received under the provisions 20 of this act. All fees, fines, assessments and other meneys 21 MONIES received under the provisions of this act, may be 22 used for meeting the expenses of the board and in carrying

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out the provisions of this act. In no event shall any 1 expenses be charged against the state. The treasurer of 2 3 the board shall give a surety bond, the amount of which 4 shall be fixed by the beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT OF 5 REVENUE AND TAXATION and shall be in the sum of not less than twice the amount held by the treasurer at any time 6 7 during the year next preceding the time of fixing the 8 bond, the cost thereof to be paid out of the funds held by 9 the board. 10 34-1-142. Instrument transferring title to real 11 property; procedure; exceptions; confidentiality.

12 (d) The sworn statements shall be used by the county 13 assessors and the state-beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION along with other statements filed 14 15 only as data in a collection of statistics which shall be 16 used collectively in determining sales-price ratios by 17 county. An individual statement shall not, by itself, be 18 used by the county assessor to adjust the assessed value of any individual property. 19

(e) The statement is not a public record and shall
be held confidential by the county clerk, county assessor
and the state-beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
AND TAXATION. These statements shall not be subject to

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1 discovery in any other proceeding.

2 34-1-143. Information to be furnished to department 3 of revenue and taxation. The county clerk shall place the 4 recording data on the statement of consideration paid and 5 deliver the statement to the county assessor. The county 6 assessor shall furnish information from the statements of 7 consideration to the state-beard-of--equalization DEPART-8 MENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION as the beard DEPARTMENT shall 9 require.

10 35-11-1103. Property exempt from ad valorem taxa-11 tion. The following property is exempt from ad valorem 12 taxation pursuant to the provisions of this act and 13 includes facilities, installations, machinery or equipment 14 attached or unattached to real property and designed, 15 installed and utilized primarily for the elimination, con-16 trol or prevention of air, water or land pollution, or in 17 the event such facility, installation, equipment or 18 machinery shall also serve other beneficial purposes and 19 use, such portion of the assessed valuation thereof as may 20 be reasonably calculated to be necessary for and devoted 21 to elimination, control or prevention of air, water and 22 land pollution. The state-beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION shall determine such THE exempt 23

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1 portion, and shall not include as exempt any portion of 2 any facilities which have value as the specific source of 3 marketable byproducts. 4 39-1-101. Definitions. 5 (a) As used in this act: 6 (iii) "Board" means the state board of equal-7 ization; er-its-autherized-agent; 8 (XVIII) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE9 DEPARTMENT; 10 (xvii) "This act" means W.S. 39-1-101 11 through 39-6-808. 12 39-1-201. Exemptions enumerated. 13 (a) The following property is exempt from property 14 taxation: 15 (xxxi) All livestock including livestock in 16 feed lots being fed for slaughter. This exemption applies 17 only to ad valorem taxation. Special taxes levied on the inspection of cattle, horses, mules and sheep and the 18 predator animal tax provided by W.S. 11-6-210 and 19 11-20-403 are not affected. Any other special tax which is 20

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1 levied on livestock for a particular purpose based on the 2 value established by the state--beard--of assessment equalization DIRECTOR is not affected by this exemption; 3

4 39-1-302. Appointment of director; appointment of 5 division administrators; additional employees.

6 (a) The governor shall appoint, with senate confir-7 three--(3)--tax--commissioners A DIRECTOR OF THE mation, 8 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE 9 PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR BUT NOT TO EXCEED SIX (6) YEARS 10 WITHOUT REAPPOINTMENT AND who are IS the department's executive and administrative heads --- Not-more-than-two-(2) 11 12 commissioners--may-be-members-of-the-same-political-party-13 Each-appointment-of-the-tax-commissioners-shall-be--for--a 14 six--(6)-year-term.-The-three-(3)-commissioners-shall-com-15 prise-the-Wyoming-tax-commission--as--well--as--the--state beard--ef-equalization HEAD. The commission DIRECTOR, with 16 17 the approval of the governor, may appoint administrators 18 as needed for the divisions of the department WHO SHALL 19 SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE DIRECTOR AND MAY BE REMOVED 20 WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE. THE DIRECTOR MAY DELEGATE SUCH 21 AUTHORITY TO DIVISION ADMINISTRATORS AS HE DETERMINES IS 22 NECESSARY ALLOW THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF TO THE 23 DEPARTMENT. The commission DIRECTOR may employ profes-

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1	sional, technical and other employees to work in any of
2	the divisions. The commission-may DIRECTOR SHALL formulate
3	the policies and programs to be carried out by the depart-
4	ment through its respective divisions and adopt suitable
5	rules and regulations to implement the administration of
6	this act pursuant to the provisions-of-the Wyoming Admin-
7	istrative Procedure Act.
8	(b)Thecommissionersshall-elect-a-chairman-and-a
9	vice-chairman-who-shall-serve-for-two-(2)-years-
10	39-1-303. Powers and duties of commission.
11	(a) In addition to the other powers and duties
12	imposed by law, the commission DIRECTOR shall:
13	(vii) Have the power to issue subpoenas. The
14	commission DIRECTOR may issue a subpoena requiring any
15	person to appear at a place within the county where the
16	person resides designated in the subpoena and be examined
17	about any matter within the scope of the inquiry or inves-
18	tigation being conducted by the commission DIRECTOR and
19	requiring the production of any books and records. The
20	district court shall issue an order requiring the person
21	to appear and to produce the necessary books and records
22	in the event the person disregards or refuses to obey the

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1 subpoena of the commission DIRECTOR;

2 (viii) Prescribe reasonable rules and regula-3 tions consistent with the provisions hereof as provided by 4 the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, necessary to the 5 enforcement of the provisions of any or all tax and other 6 revenue measures which are administered by the commission 7 DEPARTMENT;

8 39-1-305. Provisions for assessing tax. The beard 9 and-commission DIRECTOR shall not compromise or reduce the tax liability of any person owing a tax to the state of 10 11 Wyoming. In case the commission DIRECTOR and the person 12 owing the tax do not agree with respect to tax liability, 13 the commission DIRECTOR shall by order, assess and levy 14 the full amount of tax due and any person aggrieved by the 15 assessment may appeal the decision pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and Wyoming Rules of Civil 16 17 Procedure.

18 <u>39-1-306. Appeal from board.</u> Any person AGGRIEVED BY 19 ANY ORDER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT MAY APPEAL TO THE 20 DIRECTOR AND ANY PERSON including the state of Wyoming 21 aggrieved by any order issued by the board, or any county 22 board of equalization whose decision has been reversed or 23 modified by the state board of equalization, may appeal

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the decision of the board to the district court of the
 county in which the property or some part thereof is situ ated.

4 <u>39-1-307. Certifying of appropriations.</u> On or before 5 August 1 of each year, the state auditor shall certify to 6 the commission DEPARTMENT the amount of all appropriations 7 made by the legislature of the state of Wyoming and the 8 interest on the public debt for which a levy must be made.

<u>39-2-101. Listing of property generally.</u>

10 If machinery or equipment is located in two (2) (b) 11 or more counties during the calendar year, the county assessors of the respective counties, or the beard DIREC-12 13 TOR OR HIS DESIGNEE if the assessors cannot agree, shall meet and prorate the assessed valuation of the machinery 14 15 or equipment among the counties pursuant to rules and reg-16 ulations promulgated by the beard DIRECTOR. The rules and regulations may reflect such factors as the home location 17 18 of the machinery or equipment, the time the machinery or 19 equipment will be in each county, or the monetary value of 20 work to be done in each county by the owner or user of the 21 machinery or equipment.

22 <u>39-2-102. Property valued at fair market value. All</u>

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1 taxable property shall be annually valued at its fair mar-2 ket value. Except as otherwise provided by law for spe-3 cific property, the beard DIRECTOR shall prescribe the 4 appraisal methods and systems for determining fair market value using generally accepted appraisal standards. 5 6 39-2-201. Generally; reports. 7 (a) The beard DEPARTMENT shall annually value the 8 following property at its fair market value for taxation: 9 (b) Annually, on or before the dates hereafter indi-10 cated, any person whose property is subject to subsection 11 (a) of this section shall sign under oath and submit a 12 statement listing such information relative to the prop-13 erty and affairs of the company as the beard DIRECTOR may 14 require to assess the property: 15 (c) If the statement provided by subsection (b) of 16 this section is not filed, the beard DIRECTOR shall value the property from the best information available. 17 The 18 beard DIRECTOR may use information other than contained in 19 the statement provided by subsection (b) of this section 20 to determine the fair market value of the property provided by subsection (a) of this section. 21

22 (d) Following determination of the fair market value

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of property subject to subsection (a) of this section, the beard DIRECTOR shall notify the taxpayer by mail of the fair market value and the taxable value. The taxpayer may file written objections to the assessment within fifteen (15) days following receipt of notice and appear before the beard DIRECTOR at a time specified by the beard DIRECTOR.

8 (e) Annually, on or before the dates hereafter indi-9 cated, or as soon thereafter as the fair market value is 10 determined, the beard DIRECTOR shall certify the valuation 11 determined by the beard DIRECTOR to the county assessor of 12 the county in which the property is located, to be entered 13 upon the assessment rolls of the county:

14 <u>39-2-202. Valuation of mine products; exemption for</u>
 15 <u>collection wells.</u>

16 (a) Based upon the information received or procured 17 pursuant to W.S. 39-2-201(b) or (c), the beard DEPARTMENT 18 shall annually value the gross product for the preceding 19 calendar year, in appropriate unit measures of all mines 20 and mining claims from which valuable deposits are pro-21 duced, at the fair cash market value of the product at the 22 mine or mining claim where produced, after the mining or production process is completed. 23

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1	(f) The commission DEPARTMENT may employ examiners
2	and obtain other technical services, to investigate and
3	audit the books and records of any person paying taxes
4	imposed under W.S. 39-2-401 through 39-2-404. The beard
5	DEPARTMENT shall notify the county assessor of any change
6	in valuation as determined by audits or investigations
7	establishing:
8	39-2-206. Valuation of electric utilities and other
9	public utilities.
10	(a) Based upon the information received or procured
11	pursuant to W.S. 39-2-201(b) or (c), the beard DEPARTMENT
12	shall annually value for taxation the property of all pub-
13	lic utilities not otherwise provided for by this act. When
14	the fair market value of the personal property of electric
15	utilities has been determined, excluding utilities operat-
16	ing in any county in which less than ten percent (10%) of
17	the real property by area is assessed for property taxa-
18	tion, the beard DEPARTMENT shall adjust the personal prop-
19	erty value determined according to the valuation adjust-
20	ment factor for each electric utility. If the valuation
21	adjustment factor equals or exceeds one (1) for any elec-
22	tric utility, the value shall be certified without adjust-
23	ment.

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(c) As used in this section:

2 (iv) "State average of per mile revenue" for 3 the previous calendar year shall be determined by the 4 beard DEPARTMENT by computing the total gross operating 5 revenue of all electric utilities in Wyoming and dividing 6 by the total mileage of transmission and distribution 7 lines of all electric utilities for the previous calendar 8 year;

9 (v) "Utility average of per mile revenue" 10 shall be determined by the **beard** DEPARTMENT by dividing 11 the gross operating revenue of each electric utility in 12 the state by the total number of miles of transmission and 13 distribution lines owned or operated by each electric 14 utility as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year;

(vi) "Valuation adjustment" means the factor obtained by the beard DEPARTMENT by dividing each individual utility average of per mile revenue for the preceding year by the state average of per mile revenue for such year and the factor obtained shall constitute the valuation adjustment for each respective electric utility in the state.

<u>39-2-207.</u> Valuation of car companies.

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1 The beard DEPARTMENT shall ascertain from the (a) 2 statements required from the car companies and the reports 3 made by the railway companies operating in the state the 4 total mileage of the cars of each company for the period 5 of one (1) year within this state. The beard DEPARTMENT shall determine the number of cars of each company by 6 7 determining the number of cars which if kept in the state 8 would be reasonably required in making the mileage, and 9 this number of cars shall be the number of cars on which 10 each company shall be assessed for that year.

(b) The beard DEPARTMENT shall fix the valuation upon each particular class of cars, which as nearly as possible shall be the fair market value of the cars, and the number ascertained shall be assessed to the company. The beard DEPARTMENT may base the assessment upon the returns of the several railroad companies.

17 (c) In case any company fails or refuses to make the 18 required statement, the **beard** DEPARTMENT shall fix the 19 fair market value of the cars, and in determining the num-20 ber and value of cars the **beard** DEPARTMENT, insofar as 21 practicable, shall harmonize the statements of the several 22 car companies, with respect thereto and the assessment 23 shall be included in the records and proceedings of the

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## 1 beard DEPARTMENT.

2 (d) The beard-of-equalization DEPARTMENT shall each 3 year make a levy equal to the statewide average county, 4 school district and state levy for the year immediately 5 preceding against the values assessed for each of the 6 counties through which the cars may have been operated. 7 When the tax due is determined the beard DEPARTMENT shall 8 send to each owner a statement of the amount of the 9 assessment, the rate of levy and the amount of tax due, which shall be paid to the department of revenue. When all 10 11 these taxes have been collected the state treasurer shall 12 pay to the respective county treasurers the amount due 13 their counties.

14 The county treasurer shall credit all these (e) 15 taxes to an account within the trust and agency fund and 16 after the regular state, county and school district levies 17 are made, distribute them in the same manner property 18 taxes are distributed. To determine the entitlement to the 19 state, county and school districts the county treasurer 20 shall apportion the taxes to the various school districts 21 through which the cars may have operated on the ratio that 22 main track mileage in each school district bears to the 23 total main track mileage within the county.

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1 (f) If the taxes levied are not paid on December 31 2 of the year levied, they shall become delinquent and shall 3 bear interest at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per 4 annum. If the taxes and interest due are not paid before 5 February 1 following the levy, the department may collect 6 them by distress and sale of any property belonging to the 7 delinquent owner in the manner required of county trea-8 surers, and the order of the beard DIRECTOR shall be suf-9 ficient authority therefor. The department may use any 10 other remedy available for the collection of monies due. 11 <u>39-2-302</u>. County boards of equalization; powers;

# 12 <u>duties; appeals by county assessor.</u>

13 (d) Immediately after the assessment roll is cor-14 rected by the county board of equalization and not later 15 than the first Monday in July, the county assessor shall 16 make an abstract of the assessment roll containing the 17 quantity and value of each class of property assessed for 18 taxation and transmit the abstract to the beard 19 DEPARTMENT.

20 <u>39-2-401</u>. Certification of tax levies.

(a) All governmental entities in Wyoming having the
 power to levy or require the levy of ad valorem taxes

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shall annually notify the board of county commissioners of 1 2 the county in which the entity is located, of the amount 3 of tax to be collected against the taxable property of the 4 district, as follows: 5 (iv) On or before the first Monday in August 6 by the beard DEPARTMENT for state purposes as provided by W.S. 9-4-302, 21-13-303 and this act. 7 8 39-2-402. Authorized mill levies. 9 There shall be annually levied and assessed upon (a) 10 the taxable value of property within Wyoming the following 11 state taxes when applicable: 12 (i) Not to exceed four (4) mills as certified 13 by the beard DEPARTMENT to be credited to the state gen-14 eral fund; 15 (ii) Not to exceed one (1) mill as certified 16 by the beard DEPARTMENT as provided by W.S. 9-4-302; 17 (iv) Not to exceed twelve (12) mills for school purposes as certified by the beard DEPARTMENT as 18 19 provided by W.S. 21-13-303. 20 (f) There shall be annually levied and assessed upon the taxable value of the property indicated within the 21

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1 limits of the political subdivision, governmental entity 2 or special district indicated, the following taxes when 3 applicable: 4 (ii) Not to exceed ten (10) mills as ordered 5 by the beard DEPARTMENT upon all cattle, horses and mules in Wyoming as provided by W.S. 11-20-403; 6 7 (iii) Not to exceed ten (10) mills as ordered 8 by the beard DEPARTMENT upon all sheep in Wyoming as pro-9 vided by W.S. 11-20-403; 10 39-4-103. Veteran exemption reimbursements. On or 11 before September 1, county assessors shall certify the 12 exemptions granted pursuant to W.S. 39-1-201(a)(xxiv) to 13 the beard DEPARTMENT. On or before October 1 the state 14 treasurer out of funds appropriated for that purpose shall 15 reimburse each county treasurer for the amount of taxes 16 which would have been collected if the property was not 17 exempt. The county treasurer shall distribute the revenue 18 to each governmental entity in the actual amount of taxes 19 lost due to the exemption. 20 39-5-101. Offenses; penalties.

(e) Any person failing to file the statement provided by W.S. 39-2-201(b)(iii) for telephone and telegraph

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1 companies is subject to a penalty of not more than five 2 hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus not more than one hundred 3 dollars (\$100.00) for each day's failure to file the 4 statement, to be recovered by an action in the name of the state of Wyoming brought by the attorney general at the 5 6 request of the beard DIRECTOR. Penalties collected shall 7 be credited to the state school foundation program 8 account.

9 <u>39-6-102</u>. Licensing of wholesalers.

10 Every wholesaler who sells or offers to sell (a) 11 cigarettes in this state must have a license to do so 12 issued by the beard DEPARTMENT. The license fee is ten 13 dollars (\$10.00) per year or fraction thereof and is valid 14 through June 30 in each year. The license will be granted 15 only to wholesalers who own or operate the place from which sales are made and additional licenses must be 16 17 obtained for each separate location. The licenses are 18 transferable pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated 19 by the beard DIRECTOR.

(b) Persons residing outside the state may be authorized by the beard DEPARTMENT to sell and ship cigarettes into the state by agreeing to affix stamps, imprints or impressions on cigarettes as required by this article. In

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addition, they must agree to submit their books, accounts and records to examination by the beard DEPARTMENT during reasonable hours and must appoint the Wyoming secretary of state in writing as their attorney for service of process. Service upon the secretary of state is sufficient service upon any nonresident and the secretary of state shall notify such person of service as provided by law.

8 (c) The beard DIRECTOR may revoke the license of any 9 wholesaler violating any provision of this article after a 10 hearing. No license shall be issued to a wholesaler for 11 two (2) years following revocation of his license.

12 <u>39-6-103</u>. Excise tax levied.

(a) There is levied and shall be collected and paid
to the beard DEPARTMENT an excise tax of four-tenths of a
cent (\$.004) upon the sale of each cigarette sold by
wholesalers.

(b) Sales of cigarettes to any agency of the United States government, sales in interstate commerce or the taxation of any transaction prohibited by the United States Constitution are exempted from the provisions of this article but shall be reported to the beard DEPARTMENT in the manner prescribed by it.

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(c) There is levied and shall be paid to the beard
DEPARTMENT an excise tax of forty one hundredths of a cent
(\$.0040) upon the use or storage by consumers of cigarettes in Wyoming but only if the tax imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of this section has not been paid.
<u>39-6-104</u>. Stamps and metering machines; credit on

7 <u>unsalable merchandise; refunds; transferring stamps pro-</u>
8 <u>hibited.</u>

9 (a) The payment of the taxes required by this arti-10 cle shall be evidenced by the affixing of stamps, imprints 11 or impressions on each package of cigarettes sold or dis-12 tributed by a licensed wholesaler. The beard DEPARTMENT 13 shall obtain suitable stamps and sell them to licensed 14 wholesalers for cash at a six percent (6%) discount. The 15 beard DEPARTMENT may deposit cigarette tax stamps in banks 16 within Wyoming for disbursement to licensed wholesalers 17 pursuant to rules and regulations of the board. The beard 18 DEPARTMENT shall keep accurate records of all stamps sold. 19 The beard DEPARTMENT may authorize licensed wholesalers to 20 use beard DEPARTMENT approved metering machines to affix 21 imprints or impressions in lieu of affixing stamps. The 22 machine shall be sealed by the beard DEPARTMENT and used 23 pursuant to rules and regulations of the beard DIRECTOR.

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1 The beard DEPARTMENT shall inspect and read each metering machine at least once a month or may approve and appoint a 2 3 bank within Wyoming of the wholesaler's choice to act as 4 setting agent pursuant to rules and regulations of the 5 beard DIRECTOR. Meter settings shall be sold to licensed 6 wholesalers for cash at a six percent (6%) discount. 7 Wholesalers purchasing stamps, imprints or impressions 8 with other than cash shall furnish the beard DEPARTMENT a bond of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or 9 10 such other amount as specified by the beard DEPARTMENT.

11 (c) Credit shall be given by the beard DEPARTMENT 12 for taxes paid on unsalable merchandise when the beard 13 DEPARTMENT is satisfied the merchandise has been returned 14 to the manufacturer and when evidenced by a statement 15 signed by the wholesaler and a manufacturer's representa-16 tive certifying the number of packages returned.

17 (d) The beard DEPARTMENT shall redeem any unused and
18 uncancelled stamps presented by a wholesaler.

<u>39-6-105. Records; examination of stock; monthly</u>
 <u>returns.</u>

(a) Each wholesaler shall keep complete and accurate
 records of all cigarettes purchased and sold for three (3)

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1 years. The records shall be in the form prescribed by the 2 beard DEPARTMENT and will be available for inspection by the beard DEPARTMENT at any reasonable time. 3 4 (b) The beard DEPARTMENT may investigate and examine 5 the stock of cigarettes upon any premises where they are 6 stored or sold. 7 (C) NO later than the twentieth day of the month 8 following the sale of cigarettes each wholesaler shall 9 return to the beard DEPARTMENT the following information on forms furnished by the beard DEPARTMENT: 10 11 (i) The number of packages of cigarettes sold in each incorporated city and town; 12 13 (ii) The number of packages of cigarettes sold 14 in each county outside the incorporated cities and towns; 15 (iii) Other information required by the beard 16 DEPARTMENT. 17 39-6-106. Unstamped packages subject to confiscation 18 and forfeiture. 19 (a) Any package of cigarettes found in this state 20 without stamps, imprints or impressions affixed thereto as 21 provided by this article are contraband goods and may be

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seized without a warrant by the beard DEPARTMENT or any peace officer of this state when so directed by the beard DIRECTOR. This section does not apply to cigarettes in the original unopened shipping package in the possession of or in transit to a licensed wholesaler or to owners of cigarettes not willfully or intentionally evading the tax imposed by this article.

(b) Cigarettes seized in accordance with subsection 8 9 (a) of this section shall be sold by the beard DEPARTMENT to a licensed wholesaler to the best advantage of the 10 11 state. Proceeds from the sale shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the general fund. The 12 13 licensed wholesaler purchasing the cigarettes shall pay 14 taxes and affix stamps, imprints or impressions as provided by this article on cigarettes so purchased. 15

16 <u>39-6-108</u>. Distribution of revenue.

17 (a) Revenue received under this article shall be
18 transferred to the state treasurer who shall distribute it
19 as follows:

(iii) Sixty-one and three-fourths percent (61
3/4%) of the taxes collected shall be distributed to
incorporated cities and towns and to boards of county com-

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missioners in the proportion the cigarette taxes derived from sales within each incorporated city or town or county bears to total cigarette license taxes collected. The computation for the distribution shall be made by the beard DEPARTMENT according to the monthly returns filed by the wholesalers.

7 <u>39-6-208. When documents or payments transmitted by</u>
8 mail deemed received.

9 (a) Any report, claims, tax return, statement or 10 other document or payments required or authorized by this 11 article to be made or filed to or with the beard-or 12 department and which is:

13 (ii) Mailed but not received by the beard--or 14 department or where received but the cancellation mark is 15 illegible, erroneous or omitted, is deemed filed and 16 received on the date mailed if the sender establishes it 17 was deposited in the mail on or before the due date for filing and submits a duplicate within thirty (30) days 18 19 following written notification by the board or department 20 of the nonreceipt.

21 <u>39-6-210. Distribution of gasoline license taxes.</u>

(a) All gasoline license taxes and fees received by

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1 the beard DEPARTMENT under this article shall be trans2 ferred to the state treasurer who shall credit them to the
3 proper accounts.

4 The state treasurer shall credit one percent (e) 5 (1%) of the taxes collected under this article to the gas-6 oline taxpayer account created by W.S. 39-6-1001(a) 7 reduced by the amount necessary to ensure the account bal-8 ance does not exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00). Not earlier than ninety (90) days after 9 10 the beard DEPARTMENT issues a notice and demand to a 11 licensee for payment of tax under this article, the beard 12 DEPARTMENT may certify to the state treasurer the amount 13 of the tax owed, but not interest or penalties, and that 14 the tax has not been paid. Upon receipt of the certifica-15 tion, the state treasurer shall distribute from the gaso-16 line taxpayer account in accordance with subsection (c) of 17 this section an amount equal to that specified in the certification to the extent funds are available 18 in the 19 account. Distributions shall be made as revenues are 20 received until the amount certified has been transferred. 21 Any taxes under this article collected after the beard 22 DEPARTMENT has certified them to the state treasurer as unpaid shall be deposited into the gasoline taxpayer 23 24 account.

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<u>39-6-304.</u> Computation of valuation and tax; notifi <u>cation; when payable; appeal and refund provisions; deduc-</u>
 <u>tion of taxes from amounts due interest owners.</u>

4 (f) Any taxpayer who feels aggrieved by the valua-5 tion and taxes levied by this article may appeal to the 6 beard DIRECTOR. The appeal does not relieve the taxpayer 7 from paying the tax when due and payable nor does the pay-8 ment invalidate the appeal. No restraining order or 9 injunction shall be granted or issued by any court or 10 judge to restrain or enjoin the collection of any tax. 11 interest or penalty imposed by this article.

12 (q) The commission DEPARTMENT may employ auditors 13 and obtain other technical assistance necessary to deter-14 mine if the tax imposed by this article has been properly 15 reported and paid.

16 39-6-403. Licenses.

(a) Every vendor shall obtain from the beard DEPARTMENT a sales tax license to conduct business in the state. The license shall be granted only upon application stating the name and address of the applicant, the character of the business in which the applicant proposes to engage, the location of the proposed business and other

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1 information as the beard DEPARTMENT may require. No 2 license fee shall be required but each vendor shall prepay 3 tax of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). The credit for 4 tax prepaid shall be reduced in accordance with proper 5 returns filed by the taxpayer. Any credit remaining when 6 the vendor is no longer required to be licensed under this 7 article shall be refunded, upon application not later than 8 six (6) months after the license is no longer required.

9 (e) Licenses issued under this section are valid
10 without further payment of fees until revoked by the beard
11 DIRECTOR.

12 (f) Any person discontinuing business shall notify 13 the beard DEPARTMENT, return his license for cancellation 14 and preserve all business records in the state until the 15 beard DEPARTMENT issues a receipt showing all taxes have 16 been paid.

17 (g) The beard DIRECTOR may, after providing notice 18 and an opportunity for a hearing, revoke the license of 19 any vendor violating any provision of this article and no 20 license shall thereafter be issued to that person until 21 the applicant has:

(i) Filed a new application with the beard

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2 (ii) Filed with the beard DEPARTMENT all past 3 due returns and has remitted in full all taxes, penalties 4 and interest due.

5 (iii) Repealed by Laws 1987, ch. 70, 3.

6 (h) The beard DIRECTOR may, after providing notice 7 and an opportunity for a hearing, suspend the license of 8 any vendor violating any provision of this article until 9 the time the vendor is in compliance.

10 <u>39-6-407</u>. Collection of tax.

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided every vendor shall 12 collect the tax imposed by this article and is liable for 13 the entire amount of taxes imposed. The taxes are due and payable on the last day of the month following the month 14 15 in which they were collected or as required by the beard 16 DEPARTMENT and each vendor shall on or before the last day of each month file a true return showing the preceding 17 18 month's gross sales and remit all taxes to the board. The 19 returns shall contain such information and be made in the 20 manner as the beard DIRECTOR by regulation prescribes. The 21 beard DEPARTMENT may allow extensions for filing returns 22 and paying the taxes by regulation, but no extension may

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1 be for more than ninety (90) days. If the total tax to be 2 remitted by a vendor during any month is less than one 3 hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), a quarterly return and 4 remittance in lieu of the monthly return may be made on or 5 before the last day of the month following the end of the quarter for which the tax is collected. If the accounting 6 7 methods regularly used by any vendor are such that reports 8 of sales made during a calendar month would impose unnec-9 essary hardships, the beard DEPARTMENT after receiving a 10 formal request filed by the vendor may accept reports at 11 intervals as would be more convenient to the taxpayer.

12 (c) If any vendor collects a tax in excess of that
13 imposed by this article it shall be remitted to the beard
14 DEPARTMENT.

15 (d) Taxes imposed by this article shall be paid to
16 the beard DEPARTMENT by the purchaser unless the taxes
17 have been paid to a vendor.

18 <u>39-6-408. Preservation of records; examination;</u>
 19 <u>failure to make return.</u>

20 (a) Every vendor shall preserve for three (3) years
21 at his principal place of business, suitable records and
22 books as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax

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1 for which he is liable under this article, together with 2 all invoices and books showing all merchandise purchased 3 for resale. All records, books and invoices shall be 4 available for examination by the beard DEPARTMENT during 5 regular business hours except as arranged by mutual con-6 sent.

7 (b) If any vendor fails to comply with subsection 8 (a) of this section, he shall bear the burden of proof as 9 to the correctness of any assessment of taxes imposed by 10 the beard DEPARTMENT for the period for which records were 11 not preserved in any court action or proceeding.

12 (C) If a vendor fails to file a return as required 13 by this article, the beard DEPARTMENT shall give written 14 notice by mail to the vendor to file a return on or before 15 the last day of the month following the notice of delin-16 quency. If a vendor then fails to file a return the beard 17 DEPARTMENT shall make a return from the best information 18 available which will be prima facie correct and the tax 19 due therein is a deficiency and subject to penalties and 20 interest as provided by this article.

<u>39-6-409.</u> Excessive and deficient payments; sales
 and use taxpayer account deposits; jeopardy assessments;
 preservation of records.

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1 (a) As soon as practicable after the return is filed 2 the beard DEPARTMENT shall examine it and if it appears the tax to be remitted is incorrect it shall be recom-3 4 puted. If the amount paid exceeds that which is due the 5 excess shall be credited against any subsequent liability of the vendor. If the amount paid is less than the amount 6 7 due, the difference together with interest thereon at the 8 rate of one percent (1%) per month from the time the 9 return was due shall be paid by the vendor within ten (10) 10 days after notice and demand is made by the beard 11 DEPARTMENT.

12 (b) If any part of the deficiency is due to negli-13 gence or intentional disregard of rules and regulations 14 but without intent to defraud there shall be added a pen-15 alty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the deficiency 16 plus interest as provided by subsection (a) of this sec-17 tion. The taxes, penalty and interest shall be paid by the 18 vendor within ten (10) days after notice and demand is 19 made by the beard DEPARTMENT.

20 (c) If any part of the deficiency is due to fraud 21 with intent to evade there shall be added a penalty of 22 twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the deficiency 23 plus interest as provided by subsection (a) of this sec-

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tion. The taxes, penalty and interest shall be paid by the
 vendor within ten (10) days after notice and demand is
 made by the beard DEPARTMENT.

4 (d) The state treasurer shall credit two percent 5 (2%) of the taxes collected under this article to the 6 sales and taxpayer account use created by W.S. 7 39-6-1001(b) reduced by the amount necessary to ensure the 8 account balance does not exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00). Not earlier than ninety (90) days after 9 10 the beard DEPARTMENT issues a notice of delinquency to a vendor for payment of tax under this article, the beard 11 12 DEPARTMENT may certify to the state treasurer the amount 13 of the tax owed, but not interest or penalties, and that 14 the tax has not been paid. Upon receipt of the certifica-15 tion, the state treasurer shall distribute from the sales 16 and use taxpayer account in accordance with W.S. 17 39-6-512(b) an amount equal to that specified in the certification to the extent funds are available in the 18 account. Distributions shall be made as revenues 19 are 20 received until the amount certified has been transferred. 21 Any taxes under this article collected after the beard 22 DEPARTMENT has certified them to the state treasurer as unpaid shall be deposited into the sales and use taxpayer 23 24 account.

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1 (e) When the beard DEPARTMENT has reason to believe 2 the collection of any tax, penalty or interest will be 3 jeopardized by delay it shall immediately levy a jeopardy 4 assessment and the amount assessed shall be immediately 5 due and payable. Notice of the assessment shall be given 6 to the vendor personally or by mail. If the jeopardy 7 assessment is not paid within ten (10) days after the ser-8 vice of notice upon the vendor, the deficiency penalty and 9 interest provided in subsection (c) of this section shall 10 attach to the amount of the jeopardy assessment.

(f) The beard DEPARTMENT shall preserve returns and
reports for three (3) years.

13 <u>39-6-410. Debt and lien of unpaid taxes; action to</u> 14 <u>collect; lien on property when discontinuing business;</u> 15 <u>credits and refunds.</u>

(a) Any tax due under this article constitutes a debt to the state from the persons who are parties to the transaction and is a lien from the date due on all the property of those persons. The tax due together with interest, penalties and costs may be collected by appropriate judicial proceedings or the beard DEPARTMENT may seize and sell at public auction so much of the persons'

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property as will pay all the tax, interest, penalties and costs. Notice of the auction must be published for four (4) weeks in a newspaper published in the resident county of the persons involved.

5 (b) The tax imposed by this article is a lien with 6 preference over all creditors except for taxes and debts 7 due the United States and liens of record which have been 8 filed or recorded prior to the imposition of a tax lien 9 upon the property of any vendor who discontinues or sells 10 his business or stock of goods. The vendor shall file a 11 return within thirty (30) days after discontinuing or 12 selling his business. His successor in business shall 13 withhold from the purchase price enough money to pay the taxes, penalties and interest due on the outstanding 14 15 amount of all credit, installment and conditional sales 16 upon which the tax has not been paid until the time the former owner produces a receipt from the beard DEPARTMENT 17 showing that all taxes have been paid or a certificate 18 19 that no taxes are due. If the successor fails to withhold 20 from the purchase price the amount due and the taxes, pen-21 alty and interest are unpaid the original vendor and suc-22 cessor vendor are liable for the payment of the unpaid 23 taxes, penalties and interest.

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1 (d) Upon request of the beard DEPARTMENT, the attor-2 ney general may institute proceedings to restrain and 3 enjoin any person from: 4 (i) Acting a vendor until as they have 5 received a license as required by W.S. 39-6-403(a); 6 (ii) Continuing to act as a vendor if they 7 have not remitted to the beard DEPARTMENT, when due, all 8 taxes, penalty and interest imposed by this article. 9 (e) Except as provided by this subsection, no person who feels aggrieved by the payment of the taxes, penalty 10 and interest imposed by this article may appeal a decision 11 of the beard DEPARTMENT until all taxes, penalty and 12 13 interest have been paid. For good cause shown, the court 14 to which the decision of the beard DEPARTMENT is appealed 15 may stay enforcement of the beard's DEPARTMENT'S order 16 assessing and levying the tax during the pendency of the 17 appeal. The court's stay of enforcement shall not affect 18 the accruing of interest upon any assessment and levy. 19 The beard DEPARTMENT may bring an action to (f) 20 recover any delinquent taxes, penalty or interest in any

21 appropriate court within ten (10) years following the 22 delinquency. In any such action a certificate by the beard

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1	DEPARTMENT is prima facie evidence of the amount due.
2	39-6-411. Distribution of sales tax; deduction for
3	administrative costs.
4	(a) License fees, penalties and interest collected
5	by the beard DEPARTMENT pursuant to this article shall be
6	transferred to the state treasurer who shall credit them
7	to the general fund.
8	(b) Revenue collected by the beard DEPARTMENT under
9	W.S. 39-6-404 shall be transferred to the state treasurer
10	who shall first make any transfer required by W.S.
11	39-6-409(d) and:
12	39-6-412. Imposition of excise taxes by political
13	subdivisions.
14	(g) If the proposition is approved by the qualified
15	electors, the board of county commissioners shall by ordi-
16	nance impose an excise tax upon retail sales of tangible
17	personal property, admissions and services and upon sales
18	and storage, use and consumption of tangible personal
19	property, or the board of county commissioners, city coun-
20	cil or town council, as appropriate, shall by ordinance
21	impose an excise tax upon the sales price for lodging ser-
22	vices. Following approval of a proposition to impose the

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1 tax under paragraph (b)(ii) of this section, the county, 2 city or town shall within thirty (30) days following cer-3 tification of the election results and annually thereafter 4 each year the tax is in effect, notify the department of revenue and taxation of the ordinance or resolution impos-5 6 ing the lodging tax and shall submit a list to the depart-7 ment of all persons selling lodging services within their 8 respective jurisdiction. The board of county commission-9 ers or the city or town council shall adopt a separate ordinance for each tax authorized by this section. 10 The 11 ordinance shall include the following:

(iv) A provision that the county, city or town, as appropriate, shall contract with the commission DEPARTMENT prior to the effective date of the county sales and use tax ordinances whereby the commission DEPARTMENT shall perform all functions incident to the administration of the sales and use tax ordinances of the county, city or town;

(h) The administration of the county, city or town sales and use taxes is vested in the commission DEPARTMENT which may prescribe forms and rules and regulations for making returns and for the ascertainment, assessment and collection of the taxes. The commission DEPARTMENT shall

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keep complete records of all monies received and disbursed
 by it.

3 (j) All revenue collected by the commission 4 DEPARTMENT from the taxes imposed under subsection (b) of 5 this section and W.S. 39-6-518(b) shall be transferred to 6 the state treasurer who shall:

7 In addition to the authority to impose a tax (k) 8 under subsection (b) of this section any county may impose 9 an excise tax not to exceed one percent (1%) upon retail 10 sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services made, and upon storage, use and consumption of tan-11 12 gible personal property, within the county. The total 13 excise tax imposed within any county under this subsection 14 shall not exceed one percent (1%). The revenue from the 15 tax shall be used in a specified amount only for planning, 16 construction, furnishing, equipping and debt service for 17 any capital improvement project or any soil or water con-18 servation project authorized by the qualified electors. 19 The following provisions also apply:

(i) No tax shall be imposed under this subsection until the proposition to impose the tax and to
approve the debt or to fund the specific project or projects is approved by the vote of the majority of the quali-

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1 fied electors voting on the proposition. The amount of 2 revenue to be collected and the purpose or purposes for 3 which it is proposed to be used shall be specified in the 4 proposition. The election shall be held in accordance 5 with W.S. 22-21-101 through 22-21-112. Any debt created may also be repaid, in whole or in part, by a property tax 6 7 levy if general obligation bonds are authorized by the 8 electors. Except as otherwise provided, any excise tax 9 imposed under this subsection shall commence on the first 10 day of the second month following the election approving 11 the imposition of the tax. The tax shall terminate on the 12 last day of the month following the month in which the 13 amount approved by the electors is collected. Unless an 14 earlier date is authorized by the tax--commission 15 DEPARTMENT, the first county imposing the tax shall com-16 mence collection on the first day of the seventh month 17 following the date of the election approving the imposi-18 tion of the tax;

(ii) Upon certification of the election results by the county clerk to the treasurer, the county treasurer shall, within ten (10) days, notify the department ef-revenue-and-taxation of the requirement for imposition of the tax and shall, upon the receipt of all tax funds in the amount approved, notify the department ef

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1 revenue--and--taxation that the special sales tax levy is 2 terminated. The department of-revenue-and-taxation shall, 3 upon notification, inform all holders of sales and use tax 4 licenses within the county of the requirement for the col-5 lection and payment of the additional tax and after 6 receipt of notice that the amount has been collected, the 7 department shall notify the license holders of the termi-8 nation of the tax;

9 (v) If taxes collected exceed the amount nec-10 essary to complete the project as approved, the excess 11 funds shall be retained by the county treasurer for use in 12 any succeeding project approved by the electors in accor-13 dance with procedures set forth herein, and for refund of 14 overpayments of the tax imposed pursuant to this act upon 15 order of the tax-commission DEPARTMENT;

16 (vi) The administration of sales tax levied 17 pursuant to this act is vested in the tax--commission 18 DEPARTMENT which may prescribe forms and rules and regula-19 tions for making returns and for the ascertainment, 20 assessment and collection of the taxes. The tax 21 commission DEPARTMENT shall keep complete records of all 22 monies received and disbursed by it;

(vii) All revenue collected by the commission

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DEPARTMENT from the taxes imposed by this subsection shall
 be transferred to the state treasurer who shall:

3 (viii) The first county imposing the tax pro-4 vided by this act shall be responsible for payment of 5 costs incurred by the tax-commission DEPARTMENT to ini-6 tially set up computer records and support systems for 7 administration of this tax. These costs shall be withheld 8 by the state treasurer from the proceeds to be distributed 9 pursuant to the preceding paragraph until such costs are 10 fully recovered;

11 <u>39-6-414. Revenue stamps or tokens.</u> The beard 12 DEPARTMENT may provide for the issuance, affixing and pay-13 ment of revenue stamps or the issuance of tokens or other 14 devices to more efficiently secure the payment, collection 15 and accounting for taxes imposed by this article.

16 <u>39-6-415. Notices mailed sufficient.</u> Notices 17 required to be mailed by the **beard** DEPARTMENT under this 18 article if mailed to the address shown on the records of 19 the **beard** DEPARTMENT shall be sufficient for the purposes 20 of this article.

21 <u>39-6-4</u>17. Penalties.

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(a) Any vendor who under the pretense of collecting

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1 the taxes imposed by this article collects and retains an 2 excessive amount or who intentionally fails to remit to 3 the beard DEPARTMENT the full amount of taxes when due is 4 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined 5 not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisoned 6 for not more than six (6) months, or both.

### 7 39-6-501. Citation and administration of article.

8 (b) The administration of this article is vested in
9 the beard DEPARTMENT.

10 39-6-503. Registration. Every vendor shall register with the beard DEPARTMENT, giving the name and address of 11 12 all agents operating in the state and the location of all places of business together with other information as 13 14 required by the beard DEPARTMENT. Each vendor shall prepay 15 tax of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the depart-16 The credit for tax prepaid shall be reduced in ment. accordance with proper returns filed by the taxpayer. Any 17 18 credit remaining when the vendor ceases operations shall be refunded, upon application, not later than six (6) 19 20 months after the license is no longer required.

21 <u>39-6-507. Reports of vendors and purchasers; exten-</u>
22 sions.

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1 (a) Every vendor shall collect the tax imposed by 2 this article and is liable for the entire amount of taxes 3 imposed. The taxes are due and payable on the last day of 4 the month following the month in which they were collected 5 or as required by the beard DEPARTMENT and each vendor 6 shall on or before the last day of each month file a 7 return showing the total sales of tangible personal prop-8 erty subject to the tax imposed by this article sold during the preceding month and remit all taxes due to the 9 10 beard DEPARTMENT. The returns shall contain such informa-11 tion required by the beard DEPARTMENT. If the total tax to be remitted by a vendor is less than one hundred fifty 12 13 dollars (\$150.00) a quarterly return and remittance in 14 lieu of the monthly return may be made on or before the 15 last day of the month following the end of the quarter for 16 which the tax is collected. Returns shall be signed by the 17 vendor or his agent.

(b) Every person storing, using or consuming tangible personal property purchased from a vendor who does not
maintain a place of business in this state is liable for
the tax imposed by this article and shall on or before the
last day of each month file a return showing the total
sales price of tangible personal property purchased sub-

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ject to the tax imposed by this article during the preceding month and remit all taxes due to the beard DEPARTMENT. The return shall contain such information as requested by the beard DEPARTMENT. Returns shall be signed by the person liable for the tax or his agent.

6 (c) The beard DEPARTMENT may allow for extensions 7 for filing returns, but no extension may be for more than 8 ninety (90) days.

9 <u>39-6-508.</u> Preservation of records; examination. 10 Every vendor and person storing, using or consuming tangi-11 ble personal property in this state shall preserve within 12 this state for three (3) years suitable records and books 13 as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax for 14 which he is liable under the provisions of this article, 15 together with invoices and books showing all merchandise 16 purchased. All records, books and invoices shall be avail-17 able for examination by the beard DEPARTMENT during regu-18 lar business hours except as arranged by mutual consent.

19 <u>39-6-509</u>. Assessment when returns unsatisfactory or
 20 not filed; penalty and interest; notice to taxpayer.

(a) If the beard DEPARTMENT believes any return and
 the taxes paid are incorrect it shall recompute the return

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1 and the tax based upon the best information available. 2 Interest on amounts due under this subsection shall be at 3 one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof from the 4 date the return was due until paid. If any part of the 5 deficiency is due to negligence or intentional disregard of this article or rules and regulations a penalty of ten 6 7 percent (10%) of the deficiency shall be added in addition 8 to interest. If any part of the deficiency is due to fraud 9 or an intent to evade this article or authorized rules and 10 regulations a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the 11 deficiency shall be added in addition to interest.

12 (b) If any person liable for the tax imposed by this 13 article neglects or fails to file a return the beard DEPARTMENT shall make an estimate of the total taxable 14 15 sales and taxes due from the best information available, 16 adding a penalty of ten percent (10%) and interest at the 17 rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof 18 from the date the taxes were due until paid. If the 19 neglect or refusal is due to fraud or an intent to evade 20 the provisions of this article a penalty of twenty-five 21 percent (25%) shall be added in addition to interest.

(c) If any person neglects or refuses to pay the tax
imposed by this article the beard DEPARTMENT shall compute

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1 the amount due based on the best information available, 2 adding a penalty of ten percent (10%) and interest at the 3 rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof 4 from the date the taxes were due until paid. Payment of 5 the tax, penalty and interest imposed by this subsection 6 relieves the vendor from payment.

7 (d) When the beard DEPARTMENT has reason to believe 8 the tax imposed by this article will be jeopardized by 9 delay it shall immediately levy a jeopardy assessment 10 which is immediately due and payable. If the jeopardy 11 assessment is not paid within ten (10) days following 12 notice thereof a delinquency penalty and interest as 13 imposed by subsection (b) of this section shall be added.

14 (e) The state treasurer shall credit two percent 15 (2%) of the taxes collected under this article to the 16 sales and use taxpayer account created by W.S. 17 39-6-1001(b) reduced by the amount necessary to ensure the 18 account balance does not exceed four million dollars 19 (\$4,000,000.00). Not earlier than ninety (90) days after 20 the beard DEPARTMENT issues a notice and demand to a 21 vendor for payment of tax under this article, the beard 22 DEPARTMENT may certify to the state treasurer the amount 23 of the tax owed, but not interest or penalties, and that

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1 the tax has not been paid. Upon receipt of the certifica-2 tion, the state treasurer shall distribute from the sales 3 account in accordance with W.S. and use taxpayer 4 39-6-512(b) an amount equal to that specified in the cer-5 tification to the extent funds are available in the 6 account. Distributions shall be made as revenues are 7 received until the amount certified has been transferred. 8 Any taxes under this article collected after the beard 9 DEPARTMENT has certified them to the state treasurer as 10 unpaid shall be deposited into the sales and use taxpayer 11 account.

(f) If the taxes, penalty and interest due under this section are unpaid within ten (10) days following service of notice an additional penalty of ten percent (10%) and interest of one percent (1%) per month shall be added by the beard DEPARTMENT.

17 (g) The beard DEPARTMENT shall promptly give written 18 notice of all taxes, penalty and interest due under this 19 section by personal service or mail to the address as 20 shown in the beard DEPARTMENT records.

21 <u>39-6-510. Tax constitutes debt to state; civil</u>
 22 <u>actions; notification to debtors; sale of property.</u>

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1 (a) Any tax due under this article constitutes a 2 debt to the state from the persons who are parties to the transaction and is a lien from the date due on all the 3 4 property of those persons. The tax due together with 5 interest, penalties and costs may be collected by appro-6 priate judicial proceedings or the beard DEPARTMENT may 7 seize and sell at public auction so much of the persons' 8 property as will pay all the tax, interest, penalties and 9 costs. Notice of the auction must be published for four 10 (4) weeks in a newspaper published in the resident county 11 of the persons involved.

12 (b) The beard DEPARTMENT may bring an action to 13 recover any delinquent taxes, penalty or interest in any 14 appropriate court within ten (10) years following the 15 delinquency. In such action a certificate by the beard 16 DEPARTMENT is prima facie evidence of the amount due.

17 (c) If any person is delinquent in the payment of 18 taxes, penalty or interest imposed by this article, the 19 beard DEPARTMENT may give notice of the amount of the 20 delinquency to any person having in their possession or 21 control credits or personal property belonging to the 22 delinquent taxpayer or owing debts to him at the time of 23 the notice. No person so notified shall transfer or make

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1 any disposition of the credits, personal property or debts 2 unless the beard DEPARTMENT approves of the disposition or until sixty (60) days has elapsed from the receipt of the 3 4 notice. Each person receiving a notice under this subsec-5 tion shall advise the beard DEPARTMENT within five (5) 6 days after receiving the notice of all credits or personal 7 property in their possession or under their control which 8 belong to the delinquent taxpayer or of debts owed him.

9 (d) At any time following a delinquency the beard 10 DEPARTMENT may seize and sell at public auction any prop-11 erty owned by the delinquent taxpayer to pay all taxes, 12 penalty and interest due plus the cost involved in seizing 13 and selling the property. Notice of the sale showing its 14 time and place shall be mailed to the delinquent taxpayer 15 at least ten (10) days prior to the sale. The notice shall 16 also be printed in a newspaper of general circulation pub-17 lished in the county wherein the seized property is to be 18 sold at least ten (10) days prior to the sale. If no news-19 paper is published in the county the notice shall be 20 posted in three (3) public places ten (10) days prior to 21 the sale. The notice shall contain a description of the 22 property to be sold, a statement of the entire amount due, 23 the name of the delinquent taxpayer and a statement that 24 unless the amount due is paid on or before the time of

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1 sale, the property or so much thereof as necessary shall 2 be sold. The beard DEPARTMENT shall give the purchaser a 3 bill of sale for personal property or a deed for real 4 property purchased at the sale. Any unsold property seized may be left at the sale at the risk of the delinquent tax-5 6 payer. If the monies received at the sale are in excess of 7 the amount due the excess shall be given to the delinguent 8 taxpayer upon his receipt therefor. If a receipt by the 9 delinquent taxpayer is not given the beard DEPARTMENT 10 shall deposit the excess with the state treasurer as 11 trustee for the delinguent taxpayer. 12 (e) Upon request of the beard DEPARTMENT, the attorney general may institute proceedings to restrain and 13 14 enjoin any person from: 15 (i) Acting a vendor until they have as 16 received a license as required by W.S. 39-6-403(a);

17 (ii) Continuing to act as a vendor if they
18 have not remitted to the beard DEPARTMENT, when due, all
19 taxes, penalty and interest imposed by this article.

(f) Except as provided by this subsection, no person
who feels aggrieved by the payment of the taxes, penalty
and interest imposed by this article may appeal a decision

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of the beard DEPARTMENT until all taxes, penalty and interest have been paid. For good cause shown, the court which the decision of the beard DEPARTMENT is appealed may stay enforcement of the beard's DEPARTMENT'S order assessing and levying the tax during the pendency of the appeal. The court's stay of enforcement shall not affect the accruing of interest upon any assessment and levy.

8 39-6-511. Vendor discontinuing business; liability 9 of successor. If any vendor discontinues his business or 10 sells his stock of goods he shall make a final return and 11 payment within thirty (30) days thereafter. His successor in business shall withhold from the purchase price an 12 amount equal to any taxes, penalty or interest due until 13 the time the former owner produces a receipt from the 14 15 beard DEPARTMENT showing that all amounts due have been 16 paid or a certificate that no taxes are due. If the suc-17 cessor fails to withhold from the purchase price the amount due he is liable for same. 18

19 <u>39-6-512</u>. Disposition of revenue received.

20 (a) License fees, penalties and interest collected
21 by the beard DEPARTMENT pursuant to this article shall be
22 transferred to the state treasurer who shall credit them
23 to the general fund.

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1 (b) Revenue collected by the beard DEPARTMENT from 2 the taxes imposed by this article shall be transferred to 3 the state treasurer who shall first make any transfer 4 required by W.S. 39-6-509(e) and:

5 39-6-513. Credit or refund for overpayments; recov-6 ery by state. Any tax, penalty or interest which has been 7 erroneously paid shall on beard DEPARTMENT approval be 8 credited against any subsequent liability from the payee or may be refunded. No refund shall be allowed after three 9 10 (3) years from the date of overpayment. Any refund or 11 credit erroneously made or allowed may be recovered in an 12 action brought by the attorney general in a court of com-13 petent jurisdiction in Laramie County, Wyoming.

14 <u>39-6-515. Revenue stamps or tokens.</u> The beard 15 DEPARTMENT may provide for the issuance, affixing and pay-16 ment of revenue stamps or the issuance of tokens or other 17 devices to more efficiently secure the payment, collection 18 and accounting for taxes imposed by this article.

19 39-6-517. Penalties.

(c) Any person who fails to file any return required
by this article, refuses to provide any information
requested by the beard DEPARTMENT or violates any other

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provision of this article for which there is no specific penalty is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

6 <u>39-6-602. Contractor deemed consumer; nonresident</u> 7 <u>contractors to file bond or securities.</u>

8 (b) To secure payment of sales and use taxes by non-9 resident prime contractors, each nonresident contractor 10 shall file with the beard DEPARTMENT a surety bond or 11 legal security equal to three percent (3%) of the payments 12 due under the contract or an amount determined by the 13 beard DEPARTMENT. The bond shall be conditioned upon the 14 payment of all sales and use taxes which become due and 15 payable to this state under the contract or in the real 16 property development. This bond requirement does not apply 17 for a nonresident contractor who has furnished a surety 18 bond as provided by W.S. 39-6-604.

(c) Any person a party to or performing work on a contract under this section may be enjoined from commencing or continuing any work until an approved bond has been filed with the department. ef-revenue-and--taxatien. Such an action shall be brought in the name of the state by the

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attorney general or by a county attorney. The state is not
 required to post security in seeking a restraining order
 or preliminary injunction under this section.

4 (d) In lieu of filing the bond or security required 5 under subsection (b) of this section, a nonresident con-6 tractor may file and maintain with the beard DEPARTMENT a 7 surety bond or legal security in the amount of one million 8 dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The bond shall be conditioned 9 upon the payment of all sales and use taxes which become 10 due payable to this state under any of the and 11 contractor's contracts or in any of the contractor's real property developments in this state. A nonresident con-12 13 tractor electing to file a bond or security under this 14 subsection shall maintain it until he is no longer 15 required to file any bond or security under this article or until a bond or security is filed under subsection (b) 16 17 of this section.

18 <u>39-6-603</u>. Liability of subcontractors; contractors
19 to withhold portion of payments due nonresident subcon20 tractors; certificate of payment of sales and use taxes;
21 bonds of subcontractors.

(a) Any subcontractor who contracts with a general
or prime contractor is liable for sales and use taxes as a

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1 general or prime contractor. The general or prime contrac-2 tor shall withhold three percent (3%) of the payments due 3 a nonresident subcontractor arising out of the contract 4 entered into between both contractors. The contractor 5 shall withhold the payments until the subcontractor fur-6 nishes him with a certificate issued by the beard 7 DEPARTMENT showing all sales and use taxes accruing by 8 reason of the contract between them have been paid. The beard DEPARTMENT may demand the withholdings at any time 9 10 to satisfy the sales and use tax liability of the subcon-11 tractor and any balance shall be released by the beard 12 DEPARTMENT to him. If a contractor fails to withhold pay-13 ments or refuses to remit them upon demand by the beard DEPARTMENT he is liable for any sales and use taxes due 14 15 the state by the nonresident subcontractor.

(b) If a nonresident subcontractor contracts with a general or prime contractor and posts with the beard DEPARTMENT a surety bond deemed sufficient by the beard DEPARTMENT conditioned upon payment when due of all sales and use taxes in the performance of the contract, the withholding provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply.

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39-6-604. Liability of sureties on bonds.

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1 (a) Whenever a nonresident general or prime contrac-2 tor or nonresident subcontractor furnishes a surety bond 3 for the faithful performance of his contract or subcon-4 tract there is imposed an additional obligation upon the 5 surety company to the state of Wyoming and the beard 6 DEPARTMENT as its agent that the nonresident contractor 7 shall pay all sales and use taxes which become due in the 8 performance of the contract. In the case of a nonresident 9 general or prime contractor this additional obligation 10 includes liability to pay the beard DEPARTMENT all sales 11 and use taxes which have not been paid to a licensed 12 vendor or the beard DEPARTMENT by the nonresident contrac-13 tor. The nonresident general or prime contractor or his 14 surety company is authorized to recover from the nonresi-15 dent subcontractor the amount of sales and use taxes 16 accruing with respect to purchases made by the nonresident 17 subcontractor which were paid to the pears DEPARTMENT by 18 the nonresident contractor or the surety company, or an 19 amount equal to the sales and use taxes so paid by the 20 nonresident contractor may be withheld from payments made under the contract. The liability of the surety company 21 22 under this section is limited to three percent (3%) of the 23 contract price.

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1 (b) Six (6) months after the completion of the con-2 tract and the acceptance of the work and services per-3. formed, the additional obligation upon the surety company 4 ceases unless written notice of unpaid sales and use taxes 5 is given the surety company by the beard DEPARTMENT. 6 39-6-808. Fees; compensation. 7 (a) The beard DEPARTMENT shall collect the following 8 fees: 9 39-6-809. Disclosure of information prohibited; 10 exceptions; penalty. 11 (a) No state employee who by virtue of his employ-12 ment has knowledge of the business affairs of any person 13 filing or required to file any tax returns under this 14 article shall make known their contents in any manner or 15 permit any person to have access to any returns or infor-16 mation contained therein except as provided by law or in 17 the following cases: 18 (iii) The furnishing of any information to the 19 United States government and its territories, the District 20 of Columbia, any state allowing similar privileges to the

21 beard DEPARTMENT or to the multistate tax commission for 22 relay to tax officials of cooperating states. Information

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1	furnished shall be only for tax purposes;
2	39-6-811. Definitions.
3	(a) As used in W.S. 39-6-810 through 39-6-813:
4	(i) "Commissioner" "DIRECTOR" means the-tax
5	commissioner-of the department of revenue and taxation or
6	his designee;
7	39-6-813. Returns and payment.
8	(a) The personal representative of an estate, a por-
9	tion of which constitutes Wyoming gross estate, shall file
10	with the commissioner DIRECTOR a duplicate of all federal
11	estate tax returns and notices required to be made to the
12	federal authorities and pay the Wyoming estate tax to the
13	commissioner DIRECTOR. Returns shall be filed and Wyoming
14	estate tax paid at the time federal estate tax returns are
15	required to be filed and federal estate taxes paid under
16	the laws of the United States, including any extensions of
17	time for filing or payment granted by the federal authori-
18	ties.
19	(b) If, subsequent to payment of the Wyoming estate
20	tax it appears that additional estate tax is due Wyoming

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or an overpayment has been made, the commissioner DIRECTOR

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shall assess and collect the additional tax due or autho rize a refund of the overpayment to the taxpayer.

3 (c) Any tax liability under W.S. 39-6-810 through 4 39-6-813 becomes, from the time the tax liability is due 5 and payable, a debt of the taxpayer to the state, to be 6 recovered in an action on this title. The attorney gen-7 eral may bring an action at the request of the 8 commissioner DIRECTOR in the name of the state to collect any tax liability of any taxpayer under W.S. 39-6-810 9 10 through 39-6-813.

Section 3. W.S. 39-1-101(a)(iv), 39-1-302(b) and 39-1-304 are repealed.

Section 4. Any references in the Wyoming statutes to the state tax commission shall be interpreted as referring to the director of the department of revenue and taxation.

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Section 5. This act is effective March 1, 1990 if and only if the Constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature at the 1989 legislative session to modify or eliminate the powers and duties of the state board of equalization is approved by the qualified electors of Wyoming at the 1990 general election.

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- 1. Salaries and support costs for a three (3) member board will be replaced, to an unknown extent, by expenses for a three (3) member part-time board. Cost savings will depend on actual expenses of new board.
- 2. Bill replaces a three (3) member full-time board with a three (3) member part-time board.

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