

(Wyo.)-Day At The State Legislature

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Events on the 31st day of 2013 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature: Wed., Feb. 20:

LOTTERY: The Senate gave preliminary approval to a bill that would establish a state lottery and allow participation on multi-state games such as Powerball. The bill already has passed the House and needs two more votes in the Senate.

GUNS: The Senate Judiciary Committee recommended approval of a bill designed to oppose any future federal ban on assault weapons or high-capacity ammunition magazines. The committee recommended that the Senate amend the bill to take out language already approved by the House that would specify that any federal officers who tried to enforce such bans in Wyoming would be guilty of a state misdemeanor.

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: The Senate for the second time gave approval to a bill that would extend the timeline for implementing a system of statewide education accountability.

VETERANS' DIVORCE: The House for the second time voted to approve a bill that would limit consideration of a veteran's disability benefits in the division of property in a divorce action.

HITCHHIKING: The House gave preliminary approval to a bill that would remove the state's existing prohibition on hitchhiking.

WILD HORSES: The House gave preliminary approval to a Senate bill that would specify that any programs within the Wyoming Department of Corrections that use wild horses have to use animals originally captured within the state.

PARENTAL RIGHTS: The House gave preliminary approval to a bill that would make it easier to terminate the parental rights of people convicted of sex crimes against children.

EAGLES: The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow licensed falconers to capture golden eagles in certain areas if officials determine they're preying upon livestock. The bill also could offer American Indians a legal way to take eagles outside the Wind River Indian Reservation provided they had the necessary federal permits.