

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0070

Wyoming GRANITE Act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Singh, Guggenmos, Heiner and Wharff

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to civil procedure; creating the Wyoming  
2 Guaranteeing Rights Against Novel International Tyranny and  
3 Extortion (GRANITE) Act; creating a cause of action against  
4 foreign states and international organizations regarding  
5 foreign censorship laws that violate specific  
6 constitutional provisions; providing for standing,  
7 jurisdiction, venue, alternative service of process and a  
8 statute of limitations; providing remedies; imposing joint  
9 and several liability; prohibiting the state from  
10 recognizing, enforcing or cooperating with certain foreign  
11 judgments; creating a cause of action against the state for  
12 the recognition, enforcement or cooperation with certain  
13 foreign judgments; providing civil penalties; providing  
14 definitions; providing legislative findings; making

1 conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing  
2 for effective dates.

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4 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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6 **Section 1.**

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8 (a) The legislature finds that:

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10 (i) Wyoming has a strong public policy favoring  
11 robust protection of speech, association and innovation,  
12 including in the fields of digital communication,  
13 blockchain and internet services and relies on a  
14 predictable legal environment for persons engaged in those  
15 activities in this state;

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17 (ii) Foreign states and international  
18 organizations increasingly seek to restrict, penalize or  
19 compel disclosure of speech that occurs wholly within the  
20 United States by threatening or attempting to enforce  
21 foreign censorship laws;

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1 (iii) For example, the United Kingdom's  
2 communications regulatory agency, the Office of  
3 Communications, sent a letter to the United States based  
4 platform 4chan threatening fines of not more than twenty  
5 five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) or ten percent (10%)  
6 of that company's total worldwide revenue for noncompliance  
7 with the United Kingdom's Online Safety Act. In addition,  
8 the Brazilian supreme court Justice Alexandre de Moraes  
9 ordered the United States based platforms X (formerly known  
10 as Twitter) and Trump Media and Technology Group to censor  
11 user accounts and disclose user data or the Brazilian  
12 supreme court may order the shutdown of the platforms and  
13 impose significant penalties;

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15 (iv) These extraterritorial efforts taken by  
16 foreign states and international organizations conflict  
17 with the United States constitution and the Wyoming  
18 constitution by chilling the speech of Wyoming residents,  
19 including residents who operate in digital innovation  
20 sectors like blockchain and decentralized technologies;

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22 (v) Wyoming has a compelling state interest in  
23 safeguarding the free exchange of ideas and protecting its

1 citizens and business entities against foreign coercion and  
2 intimidation;

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4 (vi) Censorship by foreign states and  
5 international organizations threatens Wyoming's leadership  
6 in decentralized finance and digital assets;

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8 (vii) In order to effectively deter foreign  
9 states and international organizations from enforcing  
10 foreign censorship laws in Wyoming, there needs to be  
11 meaningful civil remedies and joint and several liability  
12 across foreign states, agencies and instrumentalities of  
13 foreign states, international organizations and foreign  
14 officials. Agencies and instrumentalities of foreign states  
15 and foreign officials may be immune from judgment or  
16 liability while foreign states and international  
17 organizations often maintain assets or commercial  
18 relationships within the United States;

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20 (viii) Foreign censorship laws enforced by  
21 foreign states or international organizations  
22 characteristically restrict expression based on content,  
23 viewpoint or speaker identity in ways that would be

1 presumptively unconstitutional under the first amendment to  
2 the United States constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of  
3 the Wyoming constitution and Article 1, Section 21 of the  
4 Wyoming constitution;

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6 (ix) It is appropriate to place the burden on  
7 foreign states and international organizations to  
8 demonstrate that the foreign states' or international  
9 organizations' enforcement of foreign censorship laws would  
10 satisfy strict scrutiny rather than requiring Wyoming  
11 residents and business entities to prove the  
12 unconstitutionality of foreign speech restrictions because  
13 these foreign censorship laws are fundamentally  
14 incompatible with the constitutional protections afforded  
15 by the United States and Wyoming constitutions;

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17 (x) Foreign states and international  
18 organizations have increasingly sought to criminalize  
19 constitutionally protected speech by issuing criminal  
20 foreign judgments, arrest warrants and extradition requests  
21 that deprive persons in the United States from lawful  
22 expression that is constitutionally protected in the United  
23 States. The dual criminality requirement in most United

1 States mutual legal assistance treaties reflects the  
2 principle that the United States should not lend its  
3 sovereign power to enforce foreign judgments that  
4 criminalize conduct that is lawful in the United States.  
5 Wyoming has a compelling state interest in ensuring its  
6 legal infrastructure is not used to circumvent this  
7 principle;

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9 (xi) Foreign states and international  
10 organizations have exploited procedural mechanisms,  
11 including service of process through mutual legal  
12 assistance treaties, upon registered agents and through  
13 private process servers to advance foreign censorship  
14 proceedings against citizens of the United States. Even  
15 ministerial cooperation may result in substantial foreign  
16 penalties for constitutionally protected speech, which  
17 facilitates the clearance of procedural hurdles in the  
18 foreign jurisdiction. Wyoming's registered agent system and  
19 private process servers should not serve as vectors for  
20 foreign censorship proceedings and service of process  
21 effectuated through any means should not result in  
22 recognition of any resulting foreign judgment in this  
23 state;

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2 (xii) This act operates defensively to protect  
3 persons within Wyoming from coercion, rather than  
4 offensively to regulate foreign conduct. Congress has  
5 endorsed this approach through the federal SPEECH Act, 28  
6 U.S.C. §§ 4101-4105, which prohibits recognition of foreign  
7 defamation judgments that are inconsistent with the first  
8 amendment to the United States constitution. This act  
9 extends that principle to the broader category of foreign  
10 censorship, consistent with Wyoming's sovereign authority  
11 to determine which foreign judgments Wyoming's courts will  
12 recognize and enforce;

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14 (xiii) The executive branch of the United States  
15 has not established a comprehensive policy to protect  
16 United States persons from enforcement of foreign  
17 censorship laws by foreign states and international  
18 organizations. This act aims to protect state residents  
19 from enforcement of foreign censorship laws and does not  
20 conflict with any existing federal law or policy;

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22 (xiv) When a foreign state or international  
23 organization transmits an enforcement demand, fine or

1 threat to a person in Wyoming the tortious act is completed  
2 upon receipt. The harm occurs in Wyoming when the person  
3 receives and understands the communication and experiences  
4 the coercive effect of the communication;

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6 (xv) Wyoming seeks to establish itself as a  
7 welcoming home for digital innovation and digital  
8 infrastructure. Wyoming has a compelling state interest in  
9 protecting digital innovation and digital infrastructure  
10 located within the state, including servers, data centers  
11 and other digital infrastructure from enforcement of  
12 foreign censorship laws;

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14 (xvi) No foreign state or international  
15 organization has legitimate discretion to enforce foreign  
16 censorship laws against persons or speech protected by the  
17 first amendment of the United States constitution. The  
18 suppression of constitutionally protected expression  
19 violates fundamental rights recognized by the United  
20 Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United  
21 Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political  
22 Rights and the first amendment to the United States  
23 constitution. Foreign state's and international

1 organization's enforcement of foreign censorship laws is  
2 conduct that falls outside any discretionary function  
3 exception to foreign sovereignty immunity.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 1-44-101 through 1-44-108 are created  
6 to read:

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8 CHAPTER 44

9 WYOMING GRANITE ACT

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11 **1-44-101. Short title.**

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13 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the  
14 "Wyoming Guaranteeing Rights Against Novel International  
15 Tyranny and Extortion (GRANITE) Act."

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17 **1-44-102. Purposes.**

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19 (a) The purposes of this chapter are to:

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21 (i) Protect the constitutional rights of Wyoming  
22 residents and business entities from the extraterritorial  
23 application of foreign censorship laws by establishing an

1 in-state forum, with clear and predictable jurisdictional  
2 rules and effective remedies that are consistent with  
3 federal law;

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5 (ii) Promote Wyoming's economy by fostering a  
6 safe harbor for digital innovation and by ensuring that  
7 foreign threats do not deter investment in Wyoming business  
8 entities.

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10 **1-44-103. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this chapter:

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14 (i) "Enforce" means to give effect to, carry out  
15 or seek compliance with a foreign censorship law, including  
16 by formal legal process, economic pressure, indirect  
17 coercion through affiliates or intermediaries or any other  
18 means;

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20 (ii) "Foreign censorship law" means any law,  
21 rule, judgment, order, subpoena, administrative action or  
22 formal demand of a foreign state or international  
23 organization that:

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2 (A) Is final, binding and enforceable under  
3 the law of that foreign state or country where the  
4 international organization is headquartered;

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6 (B) Has the primary purpose or a  
7 substantial effect of restricting, penalizing or compelling  
8 disclosure regarding expression, expressive conduct or  
9 expressive association;

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11 (C) Targets expression, expressive conduct  
12 or expressive association based on its content, viewpoint  
13 or speaker identity or compels disclosure that would  
14 reasonably chill that expression, expressive conduct or  
15 expressive association; and

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17 (D) Would be unenforceable in this state  
18 because it conflicts with the protections of the first  
19 amendment of the United States constitution, Article 1,  
20 Section 20 of the Wyoming constitution or Article 1,  
21 Section 21 of the Wyoming constitution.

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8 (iv) "Foreign state" means as defined in 28  
9 U.S.C. § 1603(a). "Foreign state" shall include an agency  
10 or instrumentality of a foreign state as defined in 28  
11 U.S.C. § 1603(b);

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13 (v) "International organization" means:

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15 (A) As defined in 22 U.S.C. § 288;

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17 (B) An organization with which the United  
18 States has official relations, including any supranational  
19 organization, intergovernmental organization or  
20 multilateral institution; or

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1 (C) Any member state, organ, agency,  
2 commission, court or instrumentality of an organization  
3 described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph.

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5 (vi) "Threaten" means to communicate an intent  
6 to enforce a foreign censorship law, including by sending  
7 or directing any notice, demand, subpoena, request or  
8 similar communication to a person by any medium;

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10 (vii) "United States person" means a person who  
11 is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or  
12 any business entity organized under the laws of the United  
13 States or any state or territory thereof;

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15 (viii) "United States related revenue" means  
16 gross revenue from the sales of goods, provision of  
17 services or conduct of business operations in or directed  
18 to the United States, as determined under generally  
19 accepted accounting principles, for the most recent twelve  
20 (12) month period ending on the last day of the defendant's  
21 fiscal year preceding the commencement of the cause of  
22 action under W.S. 1-44-104(a). For purposes of this  
23 paragraph, "defendant" shall include the named entity and

1 any parent, subsidiary or affiliate of the entity under  
2 common control that participated in the relevant  
3 transactions;

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5 (ix) "Wyoming resident" means a natural person  
6 who is domiciled in this state;

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8 (x) "Wyoming business entity" means a business  
9 entity that:

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11 (A) Is incorporated, organized or created  
12 under the laws of this state; or

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14 (B) Has its principal place of business in  
15 this state.

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17 **1-44-104. Cause of action; statute of limitations;**  
18 **construction.**

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20 (a) A plaintiff described in W.S. 1-44-105(a) shall  
21 have a cause of action, to the extent permitted by federal  
22 law and subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section,  
23 against any foreign state, international organization or

1 any officer, employee or other person thereof acting within  
2 the scope of their official duties who has threatened to  
3 enforce, attempted to enforce or enforced a foreign  
4 censorship law against the plaintiff in a manner that would  
5 violate the first amendment of the United States  
6 constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of the Wyoming  
7 constitution or Article 1, Section 21 of the Wyoming  
8 constitution.

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10 (b) The cause of action under subsection (a) of this  
11 section shall apply only to the extent permitted by federal  
12 law, including the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and the  
13 International Organizations Immunities Act and any  
14 applicable headquarters agreement, treaty or executive  
15 order.

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17 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to:

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19 (i) Waive the sovereign immunity of any foreign  
20 state or international organization;

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9 (iv) Limit any defense available to the  
10 defendant under federal law;

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12 (v) Regulate foreign states or international  
13 organizations or to conflict with the foreign affairs  
14 powers of the United States.

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16 (d) A cause of action brought under subsection (a) of  
17 this section shall be commenced not later than four (4)  
18 years after the latest of the following dates:

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20 (i) The date of a foreign state's or  
21 international organization's threat to enforce, attempt to  
22 enforce or enforcement of a foreign censorship law;

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1 (ii) The date of the last in a series of related  
2 threats, attempts or enforcement actions by a foreign state  
3 or international organization arising from the same  
4 investigation or proceeding;

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6 (iii) The date the plaintiff discovered or  
7 reasonably could have discovered a foreign state's or  
8 international organization's threat to enforce, attempt to  
9 enforce or enforcement of a foreign censorship law.

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11 1-44-105. Standing; jurisdiction; venue; alternative  
12 service of process.

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14 (a) A civil cause of action brought under W.S.  
15 1-44-104(a) may be brought by:

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17 (i) A Wyoming resident;

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19 (ii) A natural person who is physically present  
20 in this state when a foreign state or international  
21 organization threatens to enforce, attempts to enforce or  
22 enforces a foreign censorship law against the natural

1 person and who was specifically targeted by the foreign  
2 censorship law while physically present in this state;

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4 (iii) A Wyoming business entity; or

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6 (iv) Any United States person whose protected  
7 expression, expressive conduct or expressive association  
8 originates from or is hosted on servers physically located  
9 in this state.

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11 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
12 Wyoming court may exercise personal jurisdiction over any  
13 foreign state or international organization that threatens  
14 to enforce, attempts to enforce or enforces a foreign  
15 censorship law against a person with standing under  
16 subsection (a) of this section, consistent with the United  
17 States constitution and the Wyoming constitution.

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19 (c) Notwithstanding W.S. 1-5-107, an action initiated  
20 under W.S. 1-44-104(a) may be brought in:

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22 (i) The district court of the county where the  
23 plaintiff resides or is located;

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2 (ii) The district court where the communication  
3 that threatened to enforce, attempted to enforce or  
4 enforced a foreign censorship law was received; or

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9 (d) Except as provided by subsection (e) of this  
10 section, upon a motion by the plaintiff, a court may  
11 authorize an alternative method of service of process that  
12 is reasonably calculated to give actual notice to an  
13 international organization, including:

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15 (i) Service by email to email addresses that  
16 were used to transmit the threat to enforce, attempt to  
17 enforce or enforcement of a foreign censorship law;

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19 (ii) Service on the United States counsel of  
20 record for the international organization;

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1 (iii) Service by publishing on a website  
2 maintained by an international organization, if the  
3 international organization is evading notice;

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5 (iv) Any other means of service that is  
6 permitted by law or treaty.

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8 (e) Service of process on:

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10 (i) A foreign state shall comply with 28 U.S.C.  
11 § 1608;

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18 1-44-106. Presumptions; rebuttal.

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20 (a) A court shall presume that a foreign censorship  
21 law violates the first amendment of the United States  
22 constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of the Wyoming

1 constitution and Article 1, Section 21 of the Wyoming  
2 constitution.

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4 (b) A defendant may rebut the presumption under  
5 subsection (a) of this section by proving by clear and  
6 convincing evidence that:

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8 (i) The foreign censorship law, on its face and  
9 as applied to the plaintiff's expression, expressive  
10 conduct or expressive association, would satisfy strict  
11 scrutiny under the first amendment to the United States  
12 constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of the Wyoming  
13 constitution and Article 1, Section 21 of the Wyoming  
14 constitution; and

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16 (ii) The threatened enforcement, attempted  
17 enforcement or enforcement of the foreign censorship law  
18 does not burden expression, expressive conduct or  
19 expressive association that is protected under the first  
20 amendment to the United States constitution, Article 1,  
21 Section 20 of the Wyoming constitution and Article 1,  
22 Section 21 of the Wyoming constitution.

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1       **1-44-107. Remedies; liability.**

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3       (a) Upon proof by a preponderance of the evidence  
4       that a defendant threatened to enforce, attempted to  
5       enforce or enforced a foreign censorship law against a  
6       plaintiff in violation of the first amendment of the United  
7       States constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of the Wyoming  
8       constitution or Article 1, Section 21 of the Wyoming  
9       constitution, the court:

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11           (i) Shall award the prevailing plaintiff:

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13           (A) Actual damages as proven by the  
14       plaintiff or nominal damages if actual damages are not  
15       proven by the plaintiff;

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17           (B) Statutory damages of one million  
18       dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per violation, as adjusted for  
19       inflation under subsection (c) of this section or ten  
20       percent (10%) of the defendant's annual United States  
21       related revenue, whichever is greater. Statutory damages  
22       imposed under this subparagraph shall not be less than the  
23       amount of any fine or penalty imposed by a foreign state or

1 international organization regarding the foreign censorship  
2 law. The amount of the fine or penalty imposed by a foreign  
3 state or international organization under this paragraph  
4 shall be calculated in United States currency;

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6 (C) Reasonable attorney fees and costs.

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8 (ii) May award the prevailing plaintiff  
9 declaratory judgment.

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11 (b) The remedies provided under this section shall be  
12 cumulative and shall be in addition to any other remedies  
13 available at law or in equity. The statutory damages  
14 provided under subparagraph (a)(i)(B) of this section shall  
15 be compensatory damages that are intended to compensate  
16 plaintiffs for harms that are inherently difficult to  
17 quantify, including chilling effects on protected  
18 expression, reputational harm, self-censorship costs and  
19 litigation costs incurred in defending against enforcement  
20 of foreign censorship laws and shall not be punitive  
21 damages.

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1 (c) The court shall adjust any statutory damages  
2 granted under subparagraph (a)(i)(B) of this section for  
3 inflation. The court shall calculate the adjustment for  
4 inflation by multiplying the statutory damages amount of  
5 one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) by the ratio of the  
6 seasonally adjusted M2 money supply value published in the  
7 federal reserve statistical release H.6 for the month of  
8 July 2026 to the seasonally adjusted M2 money supply value  
9 for the month that the cause of action was decided. The  
10 court shall use the most recent M2 money supply values  
11 published by the board of governors of the United States  
12 federal reserve system in the federal reserve statistical  
13 release H.6, seasonally adjusted. If the board of governors  
14 of the United States federal reserve system ceases to  
15 publish the seasonally adjusted M2 money supply data, then  
16 the court shall adjust the statutory damages amount of one  
17 million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) by using a reasonably  
18 comparable monetary aggregate or price index published by  
19 the board of governors of the United States federal reserve  
20 system or the federal bureau of labor statistics that  
21 preserves the real value of the statutory damages amount to  
22 the extent practicable.

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1                   (d) Except as required by federal law, including the  
2 Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and the International  
3 Organizations Immunities Act, all defendants liable under  
4 subsection (a) of this section shall be jointly and  
5 severally liable for all damages incurred by the plaintiff.

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7                   **1-44-108. Nonrecognition of foreign judgements;**  
8 **noncooperation with foreign judgments and extradition**  
9 **requests; penalties; cause of action.**

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11                   (a) Except as provided by federal law and otherwise  
12 provided by this subsection, no court of this state shall  
13 recognize, enforce or give effect to any foreign judgment,  
14 order, subpoena, administrative action, fine, penalty or  
15 similar measure that imposes liability or compels actions  
16 based on expression, expressive conduct or expressive  
17 association that would be protected by the first amendment  
18 of the United States constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of  
19 the Wyoming constitution or Article 1, Section 21 of the  
20 Wyoming constitution. A court may sever and may recognize,  
21 enforce or give effect to any foreign judgment, order,  
22 subpoena, administrative action, fine, penalty or similar  
23 measure that does not impose liability or compel action

1 based on expression, expressive conduct or expressive  
2 association that would be protected by the first amendment  
3 of the United States constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of  
4 the Wyoming constitution or Article 1, Section 21 of the  
5 Wyoming constitution.

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7 (b) Except as required by federal law, the state, its  
8 political subdivisions and its employees acting within the  
9 scope of their official duties shall not provide assistance  
10 or cooperation in collecting, enforcing or giving effect to  
11 any foreign judgment, order, subpoena, administrative  
12 action, fine, penalty or similar measure that imposes  
13 liability or compels actions based on expression,  
14 expressive conduct or expressive association that would be  
15 protected by the first amendment of the United States  
16 constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of the Wyoming  
17 constitution or Article 1, Section 21 of the Wyoming  
18 constitution.

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20 (c) Any person who knowingly violates subsection (b)  
21 of this section is liable for a civil penalty of not more  
22 than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation.

1 This civil penalty may be recovered in any action brought  
2 by the attorney general or district attorney.

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4 (d) The state and its political subdivisions shall  
5 not indemnify or reimburse a person who violated subsection  
6 (b) of this section for a civil penalty imposed under  
7 subsection (c) of this section.

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9 (e) Except as required by federal law, no court of  
10 this state shall recognize, enforce or give effect to any  
11 foreign criminal judgment, conviction, sentence, warrant or  
12 similar order that imposes criminal liability based in  
13 whole or in part on expression, expressive conduct or  
14 expressive association that would be protected by the first  
15 amendment of the United States constitution, Article 1,  
16 Section 20 of the Wyoming constitution or Article 1,  
17 Section 21 of the Wyoming constitution.

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19 (f) Except as required by federal law, the state, its  
20 political subdivisions and its employees acting within the  
21 scope of their official duties shall not:

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1 (i) Arrest, detain or surrender any person  
2 pursuant to a foreign extradition request, international  
3 arrest warrant or similar process when the underlying  
4 offense is based on expression, expressive conduct or  
5 expressive association that would be protected by the first  
6 amendment of the United States constitution, Article 1,  
7 Section 20 of the Wyoming constitution or Article 1,  
8 Section 21 of the Wyoming constitution;

10 (ii) Provide any other assistance or cooperation  
11 to any foreign state or international organization in  
12 investigating, prosecuting, sanctioning or punishing any  
13 person for expression, expressive conduct or expressive  
14 association that would be protected by the first amendment  
15 of the United States constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of  
16 the Wyoming constitution or Article 1, Section 21 of the  
17 Wyoming constitution;

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19 (iii) Honor or execute a request under a mutual  
20 legal assistance treaty, letters, rogatory or other  
21 international agreement or mechanism if the request seeks  
22 service of process, evidence testimony or any other  
23 assistance in connection with a proceeding based on

1 expression, expressive conduct or expressive association  
2 that would be protected by the first amendment of the  
3 United States constitution, Article 1, Section 20 of the  
4 Wyoming constitution or Article 1, Section 21 of the  
5 Wyoming constitution.

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7 (g) This section shall apply regardless of the manner  
8 in which service of process was effectuated in a foreign  
9 proceeding.

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11 (h) Any person that is subject or may be subject to a  
12 foreign judgment, order, extradition request or foreign  
13 proceeding that is based on expression, expressive conduct  
14 or expressive association that would be protected by the  
15 first amendment of the United States constitution, Article  
16 1, Section 20 of the Wyoming constitution or Article 1,  
17 Section 21 of the Wyoming constitution may bring a cause of  
18 action against the state, its political subdivisions and  
19 its employees acting within the scope of their official  
20 duties in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state  
21 for:

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1 (i) A declaratory judgment that the foreign  
2 judgement, order, extradition request or proceeding is  
3 unenforceable under this section; or

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5 (ii) Injunctive relief prohibiting any person  
6 from seeking to enforce a foreign judgment, order,  
7 extradition request or proceeding in this state or  
8 prohibiting any person from taking action that is  
9 prohibited by this section.

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11 (j) The state shall waive sovereign immunity for  
12 claims brought under subsection (h) of this section seeking  
13 declaratory or injunctive relief. The waiver under this  
14 subsection shall not extend to claims brought under  
15 subsection (h) of this section against the state for  
16 monetary damages.

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18 (k) If the plaintiff prevails in a civil cause of  
19 action brought under subsection (h) of this section, the  
20 court may:

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22 (i) Award reasonable attorney fees and costs;

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1 (ii) Impose civil penalties as provided by this  
2 section.

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4 (m) The attorney general shall promulgate rules to  
5 provide guidance to state and local law enforcement  
6 regarding implementation of this section, including  
7 procedures for identifying foreign judgments, foreign  
8 criminal judgments, orders, subpoenas, administrative  
9 actions, fines and penalties from foreign states and  
10 international organizations that may impose liability or  
11 compel action based on expression, expressive conduct or  
12 expressive association that would be protected by the first  
13 amendment of the United States constitution, Article 1,  
14 Section 20 of the Wyoming constitution or Article 1,  
15 Section 21 of the Wyoming constitution.

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17                   **Section 3.** W.S. 1-5-107 is amended to read:

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19 1-5-107. Actions against nonresidents and foreign  
20 corporations.

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22 An action, other than one (1) of those mentioned in W.S.  
23 1-5-101 through 1-5-104 and 1-44-104, against a nonresident

1 of this state or a foreign corporation, whether or not  
2 codefendants reside in Wyoming, may be brought in any  
3 county where the cause of action arose or where the  
4 plaintiff resides.

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6 **Section 4.** The attorney general shall promulgate all  
7 rules necessary to implement this act.

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9 **Section 5.**

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11 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
12 section, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

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14 (b) Sections 4 and 5 of this act are effective  
15 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
16 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
17 the Wyoming Constitution.

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19 (END)