

Wyoming State Legislature 2008 Legislative Summary

The legislature passed the following bills dealing with veterans:

- HB 6, transfers oversight of the state veterans' memorial museum to the military department, repeals the museum's designation as a state park and provides for the disposition of unexpended funds and other property.
- HB 12, Veterans' Mental Health Appropriations, funds mental health and substance abuse problems of military personnel and their families associated with participation in military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The appropriations, totaling \$848,000.00 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2010, would be used to: identify returning veterans and their families who may need mental health or substance abuse treatment services; reimburse screenings and assessments, travel, child care and other necessary expenses provided to such persons to access the needed services; and, to provide training to health care providers, employers and community leaders to improve help in treatment and reintegration for the soldiers.
- HB 33, amends the Veterans Property Tax Exemption law to allow eligibility during the lifetime of the claimant or the spouse, so long as the claimant or spouse is listed as an owner of the property, or the claimant or spouse is listed as a purchaser on a valid and effective contract for deed, and amends qualifying dates of military service to qualify for the property tax exemption.