

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0141

Front license plate freedom.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Blake, Clem, Duncan,
Larsen, Lindholm, Loucks and Olsen and
Senator(s) Boner, Hicks, Moniz and Pappas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing that motor
2 vehicles are not required to display a front license plate;
3 specifying that the department of transportation shall only
4 issue one (1) license plate for motor vehicles; making
5 conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-204(a), 31-2-212, 31-2-213(b) and
10 (h)(viii), 31-2-215(a) and (c), 31-2-216(a), 31-2-217(a),
11 31-2-223(c), 31-2-230(h), 31-2-231(f), 31-3-102(a)(vi)(A)
12 through (C) and 31-4-101(a)(i) through (iii) are amended to
13 read:

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1 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration and**
2 **license plates by county; form.**

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4 (a) Upon receipt of an approved application and payment
5 of fees the county treasurer shall issue to the applicant a
6 certificate of registration conforming with the facts set
7 forth in the application together with one (1) license plate
8 or validation sticker for ~~motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles,~~
9 ~~trailers, including house trailers, and all~~ vehicles.
10 ~~operated with dealer license plates and two (2) license plates~~
11 ~~or proper validation stickers for any other vehicle.~~ A copy
12 of the certificate of registration shall be carried at all
13 times in the motor vehicle for which it is valid and shall be
14 displayed upon demand of any peace officer.

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16 **31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of**
17 **registration, plates or validation stickers.**

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19 Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of
20 registration, license plate, or validation sticker the owner
21 of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of
22 registration, new license ~~plates~~ plate or validation ~~stickers~~
23 sticker from any county treasurer or the department if the

1 vehicle was registered or ~~plates or stickers were~~ the plate
2 or sticker was issued by the department upon application
3 showing the loss, mutilation or destruction, return of
4 mutilated ~~plates or stickers~~ plate or sticker and payment of
5 the duplicate registration, plate or sticker fee. For those
6 vehicles registered under the provisions of W.S. 31-2-213(h)
7 or 31-2-215 through 31-2-223, a replacement duplicate license
8 ~~plates~~ plate may be obtained upon application with the county
9 treasurer from which the original ~~plates were~~ plate was
10 purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied by
11 fees as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). ~~Duplicate~~ A
12 duplicate license ~~plates~~ plate obtained under this section to
13 replace a lost or stolen ~~plates~~ plate shall not be displayed
14 on the vehicle until the validation ~~stickers~~ sticker on the
15 lost or stolen ~~plates have~~ plate has expired. Upon loss,
16 mutilation or destruction of a dealer plate or validation
17 sticker the dealer may obtain a replacement dealer plate or
18 validation sticker from the county treasurer from which he
19 purchased the original plate in the same manner as the owner
20 of a vehicle and upon payment of the appropriate fee under
21 W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi). Obtaining a replacement plate is not
22 the purchase of an additional plate under W.S.
23 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon application for a new license ~~plates~~

1 plate or ~~stickers~~sticker the county treasurer shall notify
2 the department and the county sheriff as soon as possible of
3 the loss, mutilation or destruction. The department shall
4 notify the appropriate law enforcement agencies of any loss,
5 mutilation or destruction of a license ~~plates or stickers~~
6 plate or sticker.

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8 **31-2-213. Department to supply registration**
9 **certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield**
10 **placards.**

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12 (b) The department may issue license plates, except
13 dealer and antique motor vehicle license plates, which shall
14 be valid for not more than eight (8) years if an annual
15 validation ~~stickers are~~is attached in the upper left corner
16 of the license plate with the month and year of expiration
17 clearly visible. Department authorized license plates and
18 annual stickers shall be of colors that are readily
19 distinguishable from the previous year.

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21 (h) Effective January 1, 1993, any person eligible for
22 a special placard under subsection (c) of this section may
23 apply to the county treasurer for special license plates for

1 a motor vehicle owned by that person. Special license plates
2 shall not be issued to any person who is eligible only for a
3 temporary removable windshield placard under subsection (g)
4 of this section. Special plates issued under this subsection
5 are subject to the following:

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7 (viii) The county treasurer shall issue a ~~set of~~
8 ~~plates~~ license plate for each vehicle and a special license
9 plate for each motorcycle registered to a qualified applicant
10 under this subsection upon payment of required fees.

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12 **31-2-215. Disabled veteran's license plates.**

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14 (a) A disabled veteran who receives fifty percent (50%)
15 or more service connected disability compensation from the
16 United States department of veteran's affairs and who is a
17 resident at the time of initial application and renewal
18 application under subsection (b) of this section, may apply
19 for distinctive license plates for a passenger car, pickup
20 truck, motorcycle or multipurpose vehicle owned or leased by
21 him upon registration of the vehicle. These license plates
22 shall be displayed upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

23 A disabled veteran may purchase one (1) additional ~~pair of~~

1 license ~~plates~~plate as provided in this section for either
2 a motorcycle or a multipurpose vehicle upon payment of regular
3 fees provided in this article. The license plates shall bear
4 a distinctive symbol or letters identifying the registrant as
5 a disabled veteran. The department shall prescribe the symbol
6 or letters which shall not include arabic numerals
7 designating the county.

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9 (c) The county treasurer shall only issue one (1) ~~pair~~
10 ~~of~~ license ~~plates~~plate annually that ~~are~~is exempt as
11 provided by W.S. 31-3-101(a)(xv) to each applicant under this
12 section.

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14 **31-2-216. Special plates; former prisoners of war.**

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16 (a) The county treasurer shall issue one (1) ~~set of~~
17 special license ~~plates~~plate for either a passenger car, truck
18 or motor home owned or leased by a former prisoner of war in
19 accordance with this section for the year 1988 and thereafter.

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21 **31-2-217. Special plates; Pearl Harbor survivors;**
22 **national guard members; armed forces veterans; purple heart**
23 **recipients.**

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2 (a) The county treasurer shall issue one (1) ~~set of~~
3 special license ~~plates~~ plate to each applicant for either a
4 passenger car, truck, motorcycle, handicapped motorcycle or
5 motor home owned or leased by a survivor of Pearl Harbor, a
6 member of the Wyoming army or air national guard a purple
7 heart recipient or honorably discharged veteran of the United
8 States armed forces in accordance with this section for the
9 year 1990 and thereafter. For the year 1993 and thereafter,
10 the county treasurer shall issue one (1) ~~set of~~ special
11 license ~~plates~~ plate to each applicant for either a passenger
12 car, truck, motorcycle, handicapped motorcycle or motor home
13 owned by a purple heart recipient. These license plates shall
14 be displayed upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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16 **31-2-223. Antique motor vehicles.**

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18 (c) Upon receipt of an approved application and payment
19 of fees the vehicle shall be registered and a license ~~plates~~
20 plate issued therefor. The registration expires upon transfer
21 of ownership of the vehicle. ~~Notwithstanding W.S.~~
22 ~~31-2-205(a)(i)(A), a license plate shall only be required to~~

1 ~~be displayed on the rear of those antique motor vehicles that~~
2 ~~were originally manufactured to have one (1) license plate.~~

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4 **31-2-230. Tribal license plates.**

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6 (h) Unless five hundred (500) ~~sets of~~ license plates
7 are issued under this section before December 31, 2025, the
8 plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from
9 production, and the department shall report the cessation of
10 production to the legislature not later than January 15, 2027.

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12 **31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates;**
13 **wildlife conservation account.**

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15 (f) Unless one thousand (1,000) ~~sets of~~ license plates
16 are issued under this section before December 31, 2023, the
17 plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from
18 production and the department shall report the cessation of
19 production to the legislature not later than January 15, 2025.

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21 **31-3-102. Miscellaneous fees.**

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1 (a) The following fees shall be collected for the
2 instruments or privileges indicated:

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4 (vi) Duplicate certificate of registration \$ 4.

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6 (A) New license ~~plates~~plate upon loss,
7 mutilation or destruction of an initial ~~plates~~plate
8 \$ 8.00

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10 (B) New validation ~~stickers~~sticker upon
11 loss, mutilation or destruction of an initial ~~stickers~~
12 sticker \$ 6.00

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14 (C) Duplicate license plates that have to be
15 produced for prestige, specialty and preferred number series
16 plates upon loss, mutilation or destruction of an initial
17 license ~~plates~~plate \$ 30.00

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19 **31-4-101. General prohibitions.**

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21 (a) No person shall knowingly operate, nor shall an
22 owner knowingly permit to be operated, upon any highway any
23 vehicle:

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2 (i) Unless a valid certificate of title,
3 certificate of registration and a license ~~plates~~plate or
4 temporary permits have been issued for the vehicle except as
5 otherwise provided by this act;

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7 (ii) Unless a valid license ~~plates~~plate or
8 permits issued for the vehicle are displayed on the vehicle
9 as provided by this act except as otherwise provided by this
10 act;

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12 (iii) With a license ~~plates~~plate, validation
13 ~~stickers~~sticker or license permits altered, mutilated or
14 obscured so as to prevent the license plate number from being
15 easily read.

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17 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-205(a)(i)(A) is repealed.

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19 **Section 3.** The department of transportation shall not
20 require the display of front license plates on motor vehicles
21 or make available, through Wyoming county treasurers, more
22 than one (1) license plate to an owner, operator or lessee of
23 a motor vehicle upon registration.

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Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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