

SENATE FILE NO. SF0018

Wildlife conservation efforts-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to wildlife conservation; providing for
2 voluntary donations to support wildlife conservation efforts
3 related to the transportation system; requiring specified
4 applications to allow for voluntary wildlife conservation
5 donations; 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. 31-2-225(a)(iv) and by creating a new
10 paragraph (vi), 31-2-231(b), 31-2-404(d) and (f), 31-2-409(c)
11 and (h), 31-2-703(c) and (e), 31-3-101 by creating a new
12 subsection (j), 31-7-104 and 31-7-111(b) by creating a new
13 paragraph (xiv) are amended to read:

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1 **31-2-225. Application requirements; contents; weight**
2 **certificate; title requirement; liability.**

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4 (a) Applications for registration of vehicles shall be
5 filed in the office of the county treasurer in person, by
6 regular mail, or if available, electronically, in the county
7 in which the owner of the vehicle resides or in any county in
8 any other case and contain:

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10 (iv) Color of the vehicle at the time of
11 registration;~~and~~

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13 (vi) The option for the owner to donate an
14 additional amount to provide for wildlife conservation
15 efforts related to the transportation system.

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17 **31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates;**
18 **wildlife conservation account.**

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20 (b) The fees collected under subsection (a) of this
21 section shall be payable to the department and shall be
22 accounted for separately. The fees collected under subsection
23 (a) of this section and funds collected under

1 W.S. 31-2-225(a)(vi), 31-2-404(f)(ii), 31-2-409(h)(ii),
2 31-2-703(e)(ii) and 31-7-111(b)(ix) shall be distributed to
3 the wildlife conservation account within the state highway
4 fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the wildlife
5 conservation account shall only be used to provide for
6 wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation
7 system, including signage, wildlife corridors, wildlife
8 crossings and game fences.

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10 **31-2-404. Amount of fee; ad valorem tax exemption;**
11 **disposition of fees; duties of department of state parks and**
12 **cultural resources.**

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14 (d) Except as provided in this subsection, the fees
15 forwarded to the department of state parks and cultural
16 resources under this section shall be deposited in the
17 snowmobile trails account created by W.S. 31-2-409(c) and may
18 be expended by the department subject to approval by the
19 legislature. All fees collected under ~~subsection (f)~~
20 paragraph (f)(i) of this section shall be deposited in the
21 search and rescue account created by W.S. 19-13-301(a). All
22 fees collected under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section shall

1 be deposited in the wildlife conservation account created by
2 W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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4 (f) Snowmobile registration forms shall contain
5 information about the voluntary fees under this subsection.

6 In addition to the fees under subsection (a) of this section,
7 persons registering snowmobiles in Wyoming may pay a
8 voluntary fee:

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10 (i) Of two dollars (\$2.00) or any greater amount
11 to fund search and rescue activities; ~~Snowmobile~~
12 ~~registration forms shall contain information about the~~
13 ~~voluntary fee under this subsection.~~

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15 (ii) Of any whole dollar amount to provide for
16 wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation
17 system.

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19 31-2-409. Snowmobile user fee; amount of fee;
20 disposition of fees; account created; duties of department of
21 state parks and cultural resources; duration of decal;
22 exemptions.

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1 (c) There is hereby created a snowmobile trails
2 account. Except as provided in this subsection, the monies
3 collected under this section and forwarded to the department
4 of state parks and cultural resources shall be deposited in
5 the account created by this section and may be expended by
6 the department subject to approval by the legislature for the
7 administration of the snowmobile trails program. All
8 voluntary fees collected under ~~subsection (h) paragraph~~
9 (h)(i) of this section shall be deposited in the search and
10 rescue account created by W.S. 19-13-301(a). All fees
11 collected under paragraph (h)(ii) of this section shall be
12 deposited in the wildlife conservation account created by
13 W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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15 (h) Snowmobile user fee forms shall contain information
16 about the voluntary fees under this subsection. In addition
17 to the fees under subsection (a) of this section, persons
18 paying a user fee for snowmobiles in Wyoming may pay a
19 voluntary fee:

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21 (i) Of two dollars (\$2.00) or any greater amount
22 to fund search and rescue activities; ~~Snowmobile user fee~~

1 ~~forms shall contain information about the voluntary fee under~~
2 ~~this subsection.~~

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4 (ii) Of any whole dollar amount to provide for
5 wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation
6 system.

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8 **31-2-703. Required user registration fee; disposition**
9 **of fees; duties of department of state parks and cultural**
10 **resources.**

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12 (c) There is created an off-road recreational vehicle
13 trails account. Except as provided in this subsection, the
14 fees received by the department of state parks and cultural
15 resources under this article shall be deposited into the
16 account created by this subsection and shall be expended by
17 the department for the administration of the off-road
18 recreational vehicle trails program. All voluntary fees
19 collected under ~~subsection (e) paragraph (e)(i)~~ of this
20 section shall be deposited in the search and rescue account
21 created by W.S. 19-13-301(a). All fees collected under
22 paragraph (e)(ii) of this section shall be deposited in the
23 wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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2 (e) Off-road recreational vehicle registration fee
3 forms shall contain information about the voluntary fees
4 under this subsection. In addition to the fees under
5 subsection (a) of this section, persons paying a registration
6 fee for off-road recreational vehicles may pay a voluntary
7 fee:

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9 (i) Of two dollars (\$2.00) or any greater amount
10 to fund search and rescue activities. ~~Off-road recreational~~
11 ~~vehicle registration fee forms shall contain information~~
12 ~~about the voluntary fee under this subsection.~~

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14 (ii) Of any whole dollar amount to provide for
15 wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation
16 system.

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18 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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20 (j) Any owner of a vehicle who wishes to donate money
21 to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the
22 transportation system shall be provided space on the
23 registration form to do so pursuant to W.S. 31-2-225(a)(vi).

1 Revenues collected under this subsection shall be forwarded
2 by the county treasurer to the state treasurer to be deposited
3 into the wildlife conservation account created by
4 W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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6 **31-7-104. Disposition of fees.**

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8 Except as provided in this section, the license fees levied
9 and collected under this act are payable to the department
10 and shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited
11 to the highway fund. The fees collected under
12 W.S. 31-7-113(a)(x) shall be transmitted to the state
13 treasurer to be credited to the motorcycle safety education
14 account created by W.S. 31-5-1506. Funds collected under
15 W.S. 31-7-111(b)(xiv) shall be transmitted to the state
16 treasurer to be credited to the wildlife conservation account
17 created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

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19 **31-7-111. Application for license or permit generally.**

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21 (b) The application shall include:

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1 (xiv) The option for the applicant to donate an
2 additional amount to provide for wildlife conservation
3 efforts related to the transportation system.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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