

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0041

Lightweight trailers-permanent registration.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the
2 permanent registration of specified trailers; providing a
3 fee exemption for permanently registered trailers;
4 specifying requirements upon transfer of ownership; and
5 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. 31-2-206(a) and by creating new
10 subsections (n) through (q), 31-2-214(a)(intro) and by
11 creating a new subsection (e) and 31-3-101(g) by creating a
12 new paragraph (v) are amended to read:

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1 **31-2-206. Annual renewal; delivery of license plates**
2 **and stickers; staggered registration; permanent**
3 **registration of lightweight trailers.**

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5 (a) Except as otherwise provided vehicle
6 registrations expire on the last day of the annual
7 registration month. Renewals are effective for one (1) year
8 beginning the first day of the month following the annual
9 registration month. The initial registration for a vehicle
10 in this state expires on the last day of the annual
11 registration month in the following year. Except as
12 provided in subsection (h) and in subsections (n) through
13 (q) of this section, nothing in this section prohibits an
14 owner from registering a vehicle for more than twelve (12)
15 but less than twenty-four (24) months.

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17 (n) The owner of a trailer as defined in W.S.
18 31-1-101(a)(xxiii) may permanently register the trailer
19 upon payment of the fees under subsection (o) of this
20 section, provided the trailer:

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22 (i) Is within the weight limits of W.S.
23 31-3-101(a)(ii)(E)(I);

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(ii) Is not less than six (6) years old; and

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(iii) Is subject to registration fees under W.S.

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31-2-201.

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(o) Upon payment of the fees specified in this

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subsection the department shall issue a distinctive license

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plate indicating the permanent registration of the trailer

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meeting the requirements under subsection (n) of this

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section. After payment of the fees under this subsection,

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the owner of a trailer that is permanently registered under

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subsection (n) of this section is not subject to additional

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registration fees for as long as the owner owns the

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trailer. The fees for permanent registration of a trailer

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under subsection (n) of this section are:

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(i) A permanent registration state

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administration fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00);

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(ii) An amount equal to five (5) times the

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applicable fees under W.S. 31-3-101(a) and (b) plus any

1 donation amounts under W.S. 31-3-101(h) or (j). Any donated
2 amount shall not be subject to the requirement to pay five
3 (5) times the applicable amount.

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5 (p) The owner of a trailer that is permanently
6 registered under subsection (n) of this section shall
7 display the permanent registration license plate in
8 accordance with W.S. 31-2-205 only on the permanently
9 registered trailer for which the plate was issued, except
10 when transferred pursuant to W.S. 31-2-214(e).

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12 (q) The permanent registration of a trailer under
13 subsection (n) of this section shall not be transferred to
14 a new owner. Upon transfer of a trailer that had been
15 permanently registered under subsection (n) of this section
16 to a new owner, the new owner shall be subject to all
17 applicable title, registration and license fees under title
18 31, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2 and chapter 3 of Wyoming
19 statutes for the trailer.

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21 **31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.**

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1 (a) Except as provided by subsections (b) through ~~(d)~~
2 (e) of this section, upon transfer of ownership of a
3 vehicle the registration of the vehicle expires and the
4 original owner shall immediately remove the license plates
5 from the vehicle. Within sixty (60) days after acquiring
6 another vehicle for which the license plates would be
7 proper, the original owner may file an application for the
8 transfer of the license registration number to a vehicle
9 acquired by him accompanied by the fees based on the amount
10 which would be due on a new registration as of the date of
11 transfer less any credit for the unused portion of the
12 original registration fees for the original vehicle for the
13 assignment of the plates to the recently acquired vehicle
14 subject to the following:

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16 (e) Upon transfer of ownership of a trailer that had
17 been permanently registered under W.S. 31-2-206(n) the
18 permanent registration of that trailer expires and the
19 original owner shall immediately remove the license plate
20 from that trailer. If within sixty (60) days after the
21 transfer of ownership the original owner acquires another
22 trailer for which the permanent license plate would be
23 proper, the original owner may file an application for the

1 transfer of the license registration number to the newly
2 acquired trailer and the license plate may be transferred
3 by the original owner to the original owner's newly
4 acquired trailer. The original owner is not subject to
5 additional registration fees for the transfer of the
6 license registration number under this subsection.

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8 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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10 (g) Owners of the following vehicles are exempt from
11 the payment of fees provided by subsections (a) and (b) of
12 this section:

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14 (v) Trailers if permanently registered pursuant
15 to W.S. 31-2-206(n) through (q).

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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