

WORKING DRAFT

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Alternative vehicles.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for issuance
2 of titles for and registration of multipurpose vehicles, as
3 specified; amending definitions; providing a definition of
4 multipurpose vehicle; providing for registration fees and
5 display of licenses for multipurpose and other vehicles;
6 and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E), (F), (J), by
11 creating a new subparagraph (M), 31-2-204(a) and (b),
12 31-2-205(a)(i)(A), 31-2-801(d), 31-3-101(a)(ii)(D) and (F),
13 31-5-124(a)(i)(C), 31-5-950(e), 31-5-956(h) and 31-7-109(f)
14 are amended to read:

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1 **31-1-101. Definitions.**

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3 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this
4 act:

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6 (xv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which
7 is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human
8 power or motorized skateboards. The term includes the
9 following vehicles as hereafter defined:

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11 (E) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle
12 having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and
13 designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in
14 contact with the ground but which may have attached thereto
15 a sidecar for the purpose of transporting a single
16 passenger. For the purpose of registration and titling
17 "motorcycle" includes motorized bicycles and scooters, but
18 excludes mopeds, motorized skateboards, multipurpose
19 vehicles and off-road recreational vehicles as defined in
20 subparagraph (K) of this paragraph. ~~A recreational vehicle~~
21 ~~primarily designed for off-road use which is fifty (50)~~
22 ~~inches or less in width, has an unladen weight of nine~~
23 ~~hundred (900) pounds or less, has four (4) low pressure~~
24 ~~tires as defined by subparagraph (K) of this paragraph, is~~

1 ~~designed to be ridden astride a seat or saddle, and is not~~
2 ~~a golf cart may be registered and titled under this act and~~
3 ~~is deemed to be:~~

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5 ~~(I) A motorcycle for the purpose of~~
6 ~~this act if titled and registered pursuant to this act; or~~

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8 ~~(II) An off-road recreational vehicle~~
9 ~~under subparagraph (K) of this paragraph if not titled and~~
10 ~~registered pursuant to this act.~~

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12 (F) "Passenger car" means a motor vehicle
13 designed to carry ten (10) persons or less and primarily
14 used to transport persons, including ambulances and hearses
15 but excluding motorcycles, motor homes, multipurpose
16 vehicles and school buses;

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18 (J) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed,
19 used or maintained for the transportation of property,
20 including pickup trucks but excluding multipurpose
21 vehicles;

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23 (M) "Multipurpose vehicle" means a motor
24 vehicle that is designed to travel on at least four (4)

1 wheels in contact with the ground, has an unladen weight of
2 at least three hundred (300) pounds but less than one
3 thousand five hundred (1,500) pounds, has a permanent
4 upright seat or saddle for the driver which is mounted at
5 least twenty-four (24) inches from the ground and has an
6 identifying number. Multipurpose vehicle includes off-road
7 recreational vehicles, electric powered vehicles, golf
8 carts and any motor vehicle meeting the criteria of this
9 subparagraph and not otherwise defined in this section.

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11 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**
12 **and license plates by county; form.**

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14 (a) Upon receipt of an approved application and
15 payment of fees the county treasurer shall issue to the
16 applicant a certificate of registration conforming with the
17 facts set forth in the application together with one (1)
18 license plate or validation sticker for motorcycles,
19 multipurpose vehicles, trailers, including house trailers,
20 and vehicles operated with dealer license plates and two
21 (2) license plates or proper validation stickers for any
22 other vehicle.

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1 (b) Except as otherwise provided, license plates
2 shall be of metal not less than twelve (12) inches long in
3 the left-hand end of which shall be arabic numerals for the
4 county in which issued, followed by the bucking horse and
5 rider emblem and a distinctive number assigned to the
6 vehicle, set forth in numerals and letters as determined by
7 the department and above or underneath such numerals shall
8 be the word "Wyoming" and arabic numerals for the year of
9 issue or validation. License plates issued to dealers and
10 for motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles and trailers shall
11 contain appropriate identification which may be in lieu of
12 the bucking horse and rider emblem. License plates shall be
13 changed or validated annually. There shall be a marked
14 contrast between the color of the plate and that of the
15 numerals and letters and the background of all plates shall
16 be fully reflectorized. Motorcycle, light trailer and
17 multipurpose plates shall not be less than three (3) inches
18 wide and six (6) inches long. Antique license plates shall
19 bear no date and shall bear the inscription "Pioneer Wyo".
20 License stickers for trucks and trailers used by any farmer
21 or rancher for the transportation of livestock, feed or
22 unprocessed agricultural products owned and produced by the
23 farmer or rancher from the place of production to market
24 and of ranch supplies intended solely for the use of the

1 farmer or rancher, and not for sale, on the return trip,
2 and not for the transportation of goods and persons for
3 hire shall bear the inscription "Farm". Upon application to
4 the department and payment of a fee as provided by W.S.
5 31-3-102(a)(xix), veteran license stickers bearing the
6 inscription "Veteran" and designating the conflict service
7 of the veteran may be issued to the veterans' commission in
8 a format approved by the department. The veterans'
9 commission may sell the veteran license sticker to
10 qualified veterans at a fee not to exceed cost, plus ten
11 dollars (\$10.00) per vehicle. Any fees collected by the
12 veterans' commission under this subsection shall be
13 deposited in the veterans' commission expendable trust
14 fund. The veterans' commission shall establish eligibility
15 criteria for veterans applying for a veteran license
16 sticker. A qualified veteran purchasing a veteran license
17 sticker manufactured by the department and sold by the
18 veterans' commission may display the sticker on the license
19 plate issued by the county treasurer. The provisions of
20 W.S. 31-2-205(a)(iv) shall not apply to any veteran license
21 sticker manufactured by the department and displayed as
22 provided in this section.

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24 **31-2-205. Display of license plates.**

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2 (a) License plates for vehicles shall be:

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4 (i) Conspicuously displayed and securely
5 fastened to be plainly visible:

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7 (A) One (1) on the front of the vehicle,
8 excluding motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles, trailers
9 (including house trailers) and vehicles operated with demo,
10 full use or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to
11 W.S. 31-16-125;

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13 **31-2-801. Perfection of a security interest in a**
14 **vehicle or motor vehicle.**

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16 (d) The term "vehicle or motor vehicle required to be
17 licensed" and the words "vehicle" and "motor vehicle" as
18 used in this section means and includes all vehicles, motor
19 vehicles, house trailers, trailers, semitrailers, motor
20 coaches, trailer coaches, trucks, motorcycles, multipurpose
21 vehicles and mobile homes required by the motor vehicle
22 laws of the state of Wyoming to have a certificate of title
23 or required to be registered or licensed under the laws of
24 this state and includes off-road recreational vehicles for

1 which a certificate of title has been issued under the laws
2 of this state.

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4 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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6 (a) Except as otherwise provided, the following fees
7 shall accompany each application for the registration of a
8 vehicle:

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10 (ii) A state registration fee computed as
11 follows:

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13 (D) Motorcycles and multipurpose vehicles

14 \$12.00

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16 (F) Commercial vehicles, except passenger
17 cars, school buses, house trailers, multipurpose vehicles
18 and motorcycles for which the fees shall be computed based
19 on gross vehicle weight pursuant to W.S. 31-18-401;

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21 **31-5-124. Off-road recreational vehicles; limitation**
22 **on use; equipment.**

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1 (a) No person shall operate an off-road recreational
2 vehicle as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K) upon public
3 streets or highways except:

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5 (i) For incidental operation of vehicles
6 specified in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K), upon a public street
7 or highway located outside the limits of an incorporated
8 municipality pursuant to agricultural operations as defined
9 in W.S. 31-18-801(a)(i). An off-road recreational vehicle
10 operated upon a public street or highway under this
11 paragraph is subject to the same equipment requirements
12 under this act as an implement of husbandry, except that
13 vehicles specified in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II), when
14 operated pursuant to this paragraph, shall:

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16 (C) Be operated only by a person who
17 possesses a valid driver's license. ~~with a motorcycle~~
18 ~~endorsement pursuant to W.S. 31-7-109(d)(vi).~~

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20 **31-5-950. General braking requirements.**

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22 (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
23 cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds unless
24 specifically excluded.

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2 **31-5-956. Tires; restriction of travel under**
3 **hazardous conditions.**

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5 (h) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
6 cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds.

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8 **31-7-109. Classes of licenses.**

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10 (f) Any person licensed to drive any class of vehicle
11 pursuant to this section may also drive a moped,
12 multipurpose vehicle or an off-road recreational vehicle as
13 defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K), upon public streets or
14 highways pursuant to W.S. 31-5-124.

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16 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(I) and (II) is
17 repealed.

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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