

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0013

Multipurpose 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 prescribing equipment for multipurpose vehicles; revising  
7 license plate requirements, as specified; and providing for  
8 an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(intro), (F), (J)  
13 and by creating a new subparagraph (M), 31-2-204(a) and  
14 (b), 31-2-205(a)(i)(A), 31-2-801(d), 31-3-101(a)(ii)(D) and  
15 (F), 31-5-102(a)(xxiv) and (lviii), 31-5-124 by creating a  
16 new subsection (b), 31-5-901(c), 31-5-912(b), 31-5-913(a),

1 31-5-914, 31-5-915(a), 31-5-950(e), 31-5-952(e),  
2 31-5-953(c), 31-5-954(a), 31-5-955(b), 31-5-956(h),  
3 31-5-962 by creating a new subsection (n) and 31-7-109(f)  
4 are amended to read:

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6 **31-1-101. Definitions.**

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8 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this  
9 act:

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

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16 (E) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle  
17 having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and  
18 designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in  
19 contact with the ground but which may have attached thereto  
20 a sidecar for the purpose of transporting a single  
21 passenger. For the purpose of registration and titling  
22 "motorcycle" includes motorized bicycles and scooters, but  
23 excludes mopeds, motorized skateboards, multipurpose  
24 vehicles and off-road recreational vehicles as defined in

1 subparagraph (K) of this paragraph; ~~A recreational vehicle~~  
2 ~~primarily designed for off road use which is fifty (50)~~  
3 ~~inches or less in width, has an unladen weight of nine~~  
4 ~~hundred (900) pounds or less, has four (4) low pressure~~  
5 ~~tires as defined by subparagraph (K) of this paragraph, is~~  
6 ~~designed to be ridden astride a seat or saddle, and is not~~  
7 ~~a golf cart may be registered and titled under this act and~~  
8 ~~is deemed to be:~~

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

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

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21 (M) "Multipurpose vehicle" means a motor  
22 vehicle that is designed to travel on at least four (4)  
23 wheels in contact with the ground, has an unladen weight of  
24 at least three hundred (300) pounds but less than one

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

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9 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**  
10 **and license plates by county; form.**

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

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22 (b) Except as otherwise provided, license plates  
23 shall be of metal not less than twelve (12) inches long in  
24 the left-hand end of which shall be arabic numerals for the

1 county in which issued, followed by the bucking horse and  
2 rider emblem and a distinctive number assigned to the  
3 vehicle, set forth in numerals and letters as determined by  
4 the department and above or underneath such numerals shall  
5 be the word "Wyoming" and arabic numerals for the year of  
6 issue or validation. License plates issued to dealers and  
7 for state or federal official forestry vehicles,  
8 motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles and trailers shall  
9 contain appropriate identification which may be in lieu of  
10 the bucking horse and rider emblem. License plates shall be  
11 changed or validated annually. There shall be a marked  
12 contrast between the color of the plate and that of the  
13 numerals and letters and the background of all plates shall  
14 be fully reflectorized. ~~Motorcycle~~ Plates for light utility  
15 trailers under one thousand (1,000) pounds, motorcycles and  
16 multipurpose vehicles shall not be less than three (3)  
17 inches wide and six (6) inches long. Antique license plates  
18 shall bear no date and shall bear the inscription "Pioneer  
19 Wyo". License stickers for trucks and trailers used by any  
20 farmer or rancher for the transportation of livestock, feed  
21 or unprocessed agricultural products owned and produced by  
22 the farmer or rancher from the place of production to  
23 market and of ranch supplies intended solely for the use of  
24 the farmer or rancher, and not for sale, on the return

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

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23 **31-2-205. Display of license plates.**

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1 (a) License plates for vehicles shall be:

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

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

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12 **31-2-801. Perfection of a security interest in a**  
13 **vehicle or motor vehicle.**

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15 (d) The term "vehicle or motor vehicle required to be  
16 licensed" and the words "vehicle" and "motor vehicle" as  
17 used in this section means and includes all vehicles, motor  
18 vehicles, house trailers, trailers, semitrailers, motor  
19 coaches, trailer coaches, trucks, motorcycles, multipurpose  
20 vehicles and mobile homes required by the motor vehicle  
21 laws of the state of Wyoming to have a certificate of title  
22 or required to be registered or licensed under the laws of  
23 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 **31-5-102. Definitions.**

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23 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this  
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(xxiv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human power, and motorized skateboards ~~and golf carts~~ as defined by paragraph ~~(a)(lxi)~~ (a)(lxii) of this section;

(lviii) "Vehicle" means every device, in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks; ~~and except golf carts as defined by paragraph (a)(lxi) of this section;~~

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

(b) Multipurpose vehicles may be operated on public streets or highways, subject to the following:

(i) Multipurpose vehicles shall not be operated on interstate highways;

(ii) If a multipurpose vehicle is incapable of achieving the maximum speed allowed on the specific highway, it shall be operated on the extreme right hand

1 edge of the roadway and shall be equipped with either a  
2 reflectorized flag as described in W.S. 31-5-960(a)(vi) or  
3 a slow moving vehicle emblem as described in W.S.  
4 31-5-921(h);

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6 (iii) Multipurpose vehicles designed for  
7 operation at speeds less than twenty-five (25) miles per  
8 hour shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem as  
9 described in W.S. 31-5-921(h).

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11 **31-5-901. General requirements; applicability of**  
12 **provisions.**

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14 (c) The provisions of W.S. 31-5-901 through 31-5-970  
15 and regulations of the superintendent with respect to  
16 equipment required on vehicles shall not apply to vehicles  
17 moved solely by human power, motorcycles, motor-driven  
18 cycles, mopeds, multipurpose vehicles, implements of  
19 husbandry, highway construction machinery or farm tractors  
20 except as specifically made applicable.

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22 **31-5-912. Head lamps.**

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1 (b) A motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, multipurpose  
2 vehicle or moped shall be equipped with at least one (1)  
3 head lamp which shall comply with the regulations of the  
4 superintendent.

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6 **31-5-913. Tail lamps.**

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8 (a) A motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole  
9 trailer or any other vehicle which is being drawn at the  
10 end of a combination of vehicles, shall be equipped with at  
11 least two (2) tail lamps mounted on the rear, which shall  
12 comply with the regulations of the superintendent. The  
13 superintendent may by regulation allow one (1) tail lamp on  
14 any vehicle equipped with only one (1) when it was made. A  
15 motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, multipurpose vehicle or  
16 moped shall be equipped with at least one (1) tail lamp  
17 which shall comply with the regulations of the  
18 superintendent.

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20 **31-5-914. Rear reflectors.**

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22 Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or  
23 other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a  
24 combination of vehicles shall carry on the rear, either as

1 a part of the tail lamps or separately, two (2) or more red  
2 reflectors complying with the regulations of the  
3 superintendent. Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles,  
4 multipurpose vehicles or mopeds shall carry on the rear at  
5 least one (1) red reflector complying with the regulations  
6 of the superintendent.

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8 **31-5-915. Stop lamps; electric turn signal lamps.**

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10 (a) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole  
11 trailer or other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of  
12 a combination of vehicles shall be equipped with two (2) or  
13 more stop lamps complying with the regulations of the  
14 superintendent. Every motorcycle, motor-driven cycle,  
15 multipurpose vehicle or moped shall be equipped with at  
16 least one (1) stop lamp complying with the regulations of  
17 the superintendent. The superintendent may by regulation  
18 allow one (1) stop lamp on any vehicle equipped with only  
19 one (1) when it was made.

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21 **31-5-950. General braking requirements.**

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1           (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven  
2 cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds unless  
3 specifically excluded.

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5           **31-5-952. Horns and warning devices.**

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7           (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven  
8 cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds.

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10          **31-5-953. Mufflers.**

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12          (c) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven  
13 cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds.

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15          **31-5-954. Mirrors.**

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17          (a) On or before January 1, 1986, every motor vehicle  
18 including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose  
19 vehicles and mopeds shall be equipped with a mirror mounted  
20 on the left side of the vehicle and so located as to  
21 reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of  
22 the vehicle.

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24          **31-5-955. Windshields and wipers.**

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2 (b) The windshield on every motor vehicle shall be  
3 equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other  
4 moisture from the windshield, which device shall be so  
5 constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver  
6 of the vehicle. This subsection shall apply to  
7 multipurpose vehicles as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(M)  
8 when equipped with a windshield and an enclosed cab.

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10 **31-5-956. Tires; restriction of travel under**  
11 **hazardous conditions.**

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

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16 **31-5-962. Sunscreening devices.**

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18 (n) This section shall apply to multipurpose vehicles  
19 as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(M) when equipped with a  
20 windshield and an enclosed cab.

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22 **31-7-109. Classes of licenses.**

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

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

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

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