

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. 0059

ENROLLED ACT NO. 9, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2008 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the personal opportunities with employment responsibilities program; increasing assistance levels and allowing for annual adjustments; amending eligibility requirements by removing a limit on the value of excluded motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 42-2-103(e)(iii) and 42-2-109(b) are amended to read:

**42-2-103. Provision of assistance and services; duties of department; burial assistance; state supplemental security income program.**

(e) In administering this section and in addition to other requirements imposed under this chapter and the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act and federal rule and regulation, the department shall by rule and regulation:

(iii) Limit assistance payable under W.S. 42-2-104 for the year 2008 as follows: ~~provided no assistance unit shall at any time subsequent to initial qualification for assistance receive any increase based upon an increase in the number of persons in the assistance unit after ten (10) months following initial qualification for assistance.~~

Family Size	<u>Cumulative Inflation Factor</u>	Maximum POWER Payment
1	<u>1.489</u>	<del>\$195-290</del>

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2	<u>1.489</u>	<del>320</del> <u>476</u>
3	<u>1.489</u>	<del>340</del> <u>506</u>
4	<u>1.489</u>	<del>340</del> <u>506</u>
5	<u>1.489</u>	<del>360</del> <u>536</u>
6	<u>1.489</u>	<del>360</del> <u>536</u>
7 and above	<u>1.489</u>	<del>380</del> <u>566</u>

Beginning July 1, 2009 and annually thereafter, the maximum payment level shall be adjusted for the percentage change in the Wyoming cost-of-living index for the previous fiscal year as determined by the division of economic analysis of the department of administration and information.

**42-2-109. Review of assistance and services; termination or modification; notice to department of change in resources.**

(b) Upon gaining possession of any property, income or other resources after receiving any public assistance and social services under this article, a recipient shall immediately notify the department as he becomes aware of the change in circumstances. The amount of public assistance and social services provided to the recipient shall be accordingly terminated or modified pursuant to rule and regulation of the department. ~~Effective July 1, 1996,~~ The department shall allow the exclusion of one (1) duly registered and licensed motor vehicle ~~with a market value of less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00),~~ from personal resources in determining eligibility for any household under the personal opportunities with employment responsibilities (POWER) and food stamp programs. Married couples shall be allowed a second duly registered and licensed motor vehicle. ~~provided the aggregate value of~~

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~~both vehicles does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars  
(\$15,000.00).~~

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk