

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0037

Yellowstone license plates.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;  
2 authorizing Yellowstone National Park license plates;  
3 specifying requirements; authorizing a fee; creating an  
4 account; restricting use of fees; providing for termination  
5 of the issuance of the license plates as specified;  
6 authorizing rulemaking; requiring a report upon  
7 termination; and providing for effective dates.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-231 is created to read:

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13 **31-2-231. Yellowstone National Park license plates.**

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1           (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in  
2 Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply to the  
3 department for a statement of eligibility for Yellowstone  
4 National Park license plates for any motor vehicle that is  
5 not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or  
6 leased by that person upon registration of the vehicle.  
7 Upon payment by the applicant of a fee of one hundred  
8 twenty dollars (\$120.00) assessed by the department, the  
9 department shall issue a written statement of eligibility  
10 for Yellowstone National Park license plates.

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12           (b) Application for issuance and renewal of license  
13 plates under this section shall be made directly to the  
14 county treasurer at least thirty (30) days before  
15 registration of the vehicle expires. Application forms  
16 shall be available at all county treasurer's offices. The  
17 fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany  
18 each application. The license plates under this section  
19 shall be issued by the county treasurer of each county and  
20 shall be displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are  
21 issued. The department may reserve up to the first one  
22 hundred (100) numbered plates to raise additional funds for  
23 the account established in subsection (f) of this section.

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2 (c) The department shall prescribe the design of the  
3 Yellowstone National Park license plates authorized by this  
4 section in consultation with the United States national  
5 park service, which shall include an image of the bucking  
6 horse and rider as described in W.S. 8-3-117. License  
7 plates authorized by this section need not include Arabic  
8 numerals designating the county. The department shall  
9 arrange for production of the license plates. Following  
10 initial approval, Yellowstone National Park license plates  
11 shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all  
12 license plates beginning with the year 2025 reissuance.

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14 (d) The department may prepare any special form and  
15 issue any rules necessary to carry out this section.

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17 (e) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license  
18 plates are issued under this section before  
19 December 31, 2024, the plates authorized under this section  
20 shall be eliminated from production and the department  
21 shall report the cessation of production to the legislature  
22 not later than January 15, 2026.

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1           (f) The statement of eligibility application fee  
2 collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be  
3 payable to the department and shall be accounted for  
4 separately. The fee collected shall be distributed to the  
5 rest area construction and maintenance account within the  
6 state highway fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the  
7 rest area construction and maintenance account shall only  
8 be used to provide for the establishment, construction and  
9 maintenance of safety rest areas.

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11           **Section 2.** The department of transportation shall  
12 prescribe the design of the Yellowstone National Park  
13 license plates authorized by this act and promulgate any  
14 rules necessary to implement this act on or before January  
15 1, 2019.

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17           **Section 3.**

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19           (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
20 section, this act is effective January 1, 2019.

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1           (b) Section 2 of this act is effective immediately  
2 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become  
3 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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