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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

State parks-snowmobile fees and registration.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and cultural resources;
2 providing for a single registration fee for snowmobiles;
3 providing for documentation required for registration;
4 repealing additional user fee provisions; providing
5 conforming amendments; and 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. 31-2-401(a)(iii), 31-2-402(b) and
10 (d), 31-2-404(a)(i), (c)(i), (d) and by creating a new
11 subsection (g), 31-2-405(a), 31-2-406, 31-2-407,
12 31-2-408(a) and 39-17-111(c)(ii) are amended to read:

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1 **31-2-401. Definitions.**

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3 (a) For purposes of this act:

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5 (iii) "This act" means W.S. 31-2-401 through

6 ~~31-2-409~~ 31-2-408.

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8 **31-2-402. Registration selling agents; application**
9 **for registration.**

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11 (b) The department of state parks and cultural
12 resources through the division of state parks and historic
13 sites shall in accordance with W.S. 36-4-123, appoint
14 selling agents to sell snowmobile registrations. ~~and user~~
15 ~~fees. Each selling agent shall retain one dollar (\$1.00)~~
16 ~~for each user fee sold under W.S. 31-2-409(a)(ii) or for~~
17 ~~each registration sold.~~ Designated department employees
18 may sell snowmobile registrations ~~and user fees,~~ but no
19 employee shall receive any commission on ~~registrations or~~
20 ~~user~~ registration fees collected.

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22 (d) Except as hereafter provided, every person who
23 owns or uses a snowmobile which will be operated within the

1 state of Wyoming shall, for each snowmobile so owned or
2 used file or cause to be filed each year beginning July 1,
3 with any designated registration selling agent, an
4 application for registration of the snowmobile which shall
5 be in writing in duplicate. The application shall state the
6 name and address of the owner and the name of the applicant
7 and describe the snowmobile, including make, model, any
8 identifying serial numbers located on the snowmobile and
9 whether the snowmobile will be operated for private or
10 commercial use. At the time of application, the applicant
11 shall also present proof ~~in a form approved by the~~
12 ~~department of revenue that all sales or use tax due on the~~
13 ~~snowmobile have been paid~~ of ownership of the snowmobile in
14 the form of a valid title document. ~~Any person who~~
15 ~~knowingly presents a false or fraudulent statement of proof~~
16 ~~is subject to the provisions of W.S. 6-5-303, in addition~~
17 ~~to any penalties and interest due for nonpayment of sales~~
18 ~~or use tax on the snowmobile.~~

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20 **31-2-404. Amount of fee; ad valorem tax exemption;**
21 **disposition of fees; duties of department of state parks**
22 **and cultural resources.**

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1 (a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-408, the annual
2 registration fee for a snowmobile is:

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4 (i) For a snowmobile intended for private use
5~~\$5.00~~ \$25.00;

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7 (c) The registration selling agent shall forward to
8 the department of state parks and cultural resources the
9 original copy of the registration application together
10 with:

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12 (i) ~~Four dollars (\$4.00)~~ Twenty-three dollars
13 (\$23.00) of each registration fee as provided for in
14 paragraph (a)(i) of this section;

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16 (d) Except as provided in this subsection, the fees
17 forwarded to the department of state parks and cultural
18 resources under this section shall be deposited in the
19 snowmobile trails account created by ~~W.S. 31-2-409(c) and~~
20 ~~may be expended by the department subject to approval by~~
21 ~~the legislature~~ subsection (g) of this section. All fees
22 collected under subsection (f) of this section shall be

1 deposited in the search and rescue account created by W.S.
2 19-13-301(a).

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4 (g) There is hereby created a snowmobile trails
5 account. The monies collected under this section and
6 forwarded to the department of state parks and cultural
7 resources shall be deposited in the account created by this
8 section and may be expended by the department subject to
9 approval by the legislature for the administration of the
10 snowmobile trails program.

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12 **31-2-405. Payment of fees; issuance of certificate**
13 **and decal; trespass warning printed on decal.**

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15 (a) Snowmobile registration fees shall be paid before
16 the expiration of sixteen (16) days after acquiring
17 ownership of a snowmobile which will be operated within the
18 state of Wyoming and annually prior to operation of the
19 snowmobile within the state. Upon receipt of the
20 registration fee the registration selling agent shall issue
21 to the owner for each snowmobile a ~~certificate of~~
22 ~~registration, setting forth the facts in the application,~~
23 ~~together with a~~ numbered decal which shall bear a

1 distinctive number assigned to the snowmobile and the year
2 of validity, which shall at all times be prominently
3 displayed on the snowmobile.

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5 **31-2-406. Lost, mutilated or destroyed certificate or**
6 **decal.**

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8 In the event of loss, mutilation or destruction of any
9 registration ~~certificate, or numbered~~ decal, the owner of a
10 snowmobile may obtain a duplicate registration ~~certificate~~
11 ~~or a new numbered~~ decal from any registration selling agent
12 or any authorized department of state parks and cultural
13 resources employee upon filing an affidavit showing the
14 loss, mutilation or destruction of the original
15 registration ~~certificate or numbered~~ decal and paying a fee
16 of one dollar (\$1.00). The registration selling agent
17 shall forward to the division of parks and historic sites
18 within the department fifty cents (\$.50) of each duplicate
19 registration ~~certificate~~ fee to be deposited to the general
20 fund. It is unlawful for any person to willfully alter or
21 mutilate any registration ~~certificate or numbered~~ decal.

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23 **31-2-407. Duration of certificate and number.**

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2 Every certificate and number issued pursuant to W.S.
3 31-2-401 through ~~31-2-409~~ 31-2-408 shall be valid from July
4 1 of the year designated until June 30 of the following
5 year. The use of license plates or decals issued during
6 any registration year is hereby authorized and legalized
7 until and including the first day of August of the next
8 succeeding registration year.

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10 **31-2-408. Exemptions.**

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12 (a) The following snowmobiles are exempt from W.S.
13 31-2-401 through 31-2-407:

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15 (i) Mobile track-laying units; and

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17 (ii) Snowmobiles used solely for business and
18 agricultural purposes. ~~. and~~

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20 **39-17-111. Distribution.**

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22 (c) The department shall certify to the state
23 treasurer amounts to be credited to appropriate accounts

1 based upon deductions from the taxes collected under this
2 article in the following order:

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4 (ii) Deduct an amount collected on fuel used in
5 snowmobiles, computed by multiplying the number of
6 snowmobiles for which registration ~~and user~~ fees have been
7 paid during the current fiscal year under W.S.
8 31-2-404(a)(i) ~~and 31-2-409(a)(ii)~~ times sixteen dollars
9 and twenty-five cents (\$16.25) plus the number of gallons
10 of gasoline used by snowmobiles for which registration fees
11 have been paid during the current fiscal year under W.S.
12 31-2-404(a)(ii) times the current gasoline tax rate as
13 defined by W.S. 39-17-104(a)(i). The number of gallons
14 used by commercial snowmobiles shall be reported to the
15 department by all businesses offering commercial snowmobile
16 recreational leasing. The amounts computed shall be
17 credited to a separate account to be expended by the
18 department of state parks and cultural resources to improve
19 snowmobile trails in Wyoming;

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21 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-408(a)(iii) and 31-2-409 are
22 repealed.

