

SENATE FILE NO. SF0125

Embossed license plates.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Mockler and Decaria

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for embossed
2 license plates as specified; providing for redesign of
3 license plates every five years; providing for consultation
4 with the department of state parks and cultural resources
5 in the design of license plates; designating that vehicle
6 registration state fees be used for the manufacture of
7 license plates; and providing for an effective date.

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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. 31-2-204(b), 31-2-213(b) and
12 31-3-103(c) are amended to read:

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14 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**
15 **and license plates by county; form.**

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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. The design on the license plate shall
10 be determined by the department of transportation in
11 consultation with the department of state parks and
12 cultural resources. License plates issued to dealers and
13 for trailers shall contain appropriate identification which
14 may be in lieu of the bucking horse and rider emblem.
15 License plates shall be changed or validated annually.
16 There shall be a marked contrast between the color of the
17 plate and that of the numerals and letters and the
18 background of all plates shall be fully reflectorized.
19 Motorcycle plates shall not be less than three (3) inches
20 wide and six (6) inches long. Antique license plates shall
21 bear no date and shall bear the inscription "Pioneer Wyo".
22 License stickers for trucks and trailers used by any farmer
23 or rancher for the transportation of livestock, feed or
24 unprocessed agricultural products owned and produced by the

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

1 distinctive registration number and the word "Wyoming"
2 shall be embossed on license plates issued after January 1,
3 2010 for all vehicles.

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5 **31-2-213. Department to supply registration**
6 **certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield**
7 **placards.**

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9 (b) The department may issue license plates, except
10 dealer and antique motor vehicle license plates, which
11 shall be valid for not more than ~~eight (8)~~ five (5) years
12 if annual validation stickers are attached covering the
13 original year designation on the plate. Department
14 authorized license plates and annual stickers shall be of
15 colors that are readily distinguishable from the previous
16 year.

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18 **31-3-103. Distribution of fees; refunds.**

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20 (c) All other fees shall be used to pay the cost of
21 manufacturing vehicle license plates and any remaining
22 balance shall be credited to the state highway fund except
23 as otherwise provided.

1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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