

SENATE FILE NO. SF0058

Vehicle title and registration.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to vehicle title and registration;
2 reorganizing and repealing statutes; amending time limits;
3 amending license plate and specialty plate statutes;
4 modifying the qualification and treatment of rental
5 vehicles and rental companies; requiring bonding; amending
6 definitions; specifying applicability of the act; and
7 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. 31-2-224 and 31-2-225 are created to
12 read:

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14 **31-2-224. Registration exemptions.**

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1 (a) The following vehicles are exempt from the
2 provisions of this act:

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4 (i) Transportable homes and the empty frame or
5 frames used to haul transportable homes;

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7 (ii) Passenger automobiles or trailers owned by
8 a full-time member of the armed forces of the United
9 States, whether in regular service, organized reserves or
10 national guard, as long as a registration from another
11 state is in effect when the vehicle entered Wyoming and the
12 vehicle is properly registered in accordance with the laws
13 of that state;

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15 (iii) Commercial vehicles or fleet which will be
16 operated in Wyoming and any other jurisdiction;

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18 (iv) Vehicles granted reciprocity pursuant to
19 W.S. 31-2-203;

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21 (v) Vehicles owned by a nonresident, validly
22 registered in another state or country, displaying
23 registration numbers or plates in accordance with the laws
24 of that state or country and:

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2 (A) Not operated for gain or profit in
3 Wyoming nor used for transportation to or from employment
4 in Wyoming; and

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6 (B) Not owned or operated by a person
7 employed in this state, unless that person is a daily
8 commuter from another jurisdiction which exempts vehicles
9 of daily commuters from Wyoming from registration under a
10 reciprocity agreement.

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12 (vi) Vehicles owned by a nonresident, validly
13 registered in another state or country, displaying
14 registration numbers or plates in accordance with the laws
15 of that state or country and:

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17 (A) Operated primarily by a full-time
18 student at the University of Wyoming, a Wyoming community
19 college or a school licensed in this state offering post
20 secondary education;

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22 (B) Used for transportation of nonresident
23 seasonally employed agricultural workers unless the owner

1 of the vehicle becomes a resident under W.S.
2 31-1-101(a)(xxi)(A); or

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4 (C) Operated primarily by a student
5 enrolled in a post secondary educational institution
6 accredited by a recognized and accepted accrediting agency,
7 or in a parochial, church or religious school as defined by
8 W.S. 21-4-101(a)(iv) offering post secondary education
9 programs, if the institution or school owns or operates an
10 educational program or facility in this state and the
11 student is employed on a temporary basis in that program or
12 facility as part of his educational curriculum.

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14 (vii) The following vehicles if validly
15 registered in states contiguous to Wyoming if the
16 contiguous states grant similar exemptions to Wyoming
17 owners of like vehicles:

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19 (A) Trucks, the unladen weight of which
20 does not exceed three thousand five hundred (3,500) pounds;
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23 (B) Passenger cars while operated by
24 salesmen who make no deliveries.

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(viii) Mopeds;

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(ix) Pedestrian vehicles;

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(x) Rental vehicles rented in another state or country and validly registered in another state or country, displaying registration numbers or plates in accordance with the laws of that state or country and not being operated by the person who rented the vehicle for gain or profit in Wyoming nor used for daily transportation to or from employment in Wyoming;

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(xi) Rental vehicles rented in Wyoming from a licensed rental vehicle agency, provided the surcharge is paid pursuant to W.S. 31-3-104 and the vehicle is validly registered in another jurisdiction and displays valid registration or license plates in accordance with the laws of that jurisdiction.

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(b) Off-road recreational vehicles shall not be registered.

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1 **31-2-225. Application requirements; contents; weight**
2 **certificate; title requirement; liability.**

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4 (a) Applications for registration of vehicles shall
5 be filed in the office of the county treasurer in person,
6 by regular mail, or if available, electronically, in the
7 county in which the owner of the vehicle resides or in any
8 county in any other case and contain:

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10 (i) Information required by W.S. 31-2-103(a)(i),
11 (ii), (vii) and (ix);

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13 (ii) Unladen weight if required to compute fees
14 and taxes;

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16 (iii) The purpose for which the vehicle is used
17 and such other information as required by the department or
18 the county treasurer;

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20 (iv) Color of the vehicle at the time of
21 registration; and

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23 (v) Information regarding whether the owner
24 desires to donate one dollar (\$1.00) or more to promote

1 awareness and education efforts for procurement of organ
2 and tissue donations for anatomical gifts.

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4 (b) The department, county treasurer or any peace
5 officer may cause a truck or trailer to be reweighed at any
6 time and a new weight certificate issued. A copy of the
7 certificate of registration shall be carried at all times
8 in the motor vehicle for which it is valid and shall be
9 displayed upon demand of any peace officer.

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11 (c) County treasurers shall not register nor renew
12 the registration of a vehicle unless a certificate of title
13 has been issued to the owner or the owner presents
14 satisfactory evidence that a certificate of title for the
15 vehicle has been previously issued to the owner by any
16 county clerk except:

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18 (i) A county treasurer may register a vehicle
19 without the Wyoming title of an applicant who is an owner,
20 lessee or operator if the vehicle is required to be
21 registered in Wyoming, and the owner, lessee or operator,
22 if applicable, presents proof from any jurisdiction of a
23 current registration and any other requested documentation
24 from any other source necessary to satisfy the treasurer

1 that the applicant is the owner, lessee or otherwise has
2 lawful right to the vehicle as an owner, lessee or
3 operator.

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5 (d) Applications for a specific license plate number
6 shall be made to the county treasurer by the last day of
7 the annual registration month. The county treasurer shall
8 determine the number of license plates to be reserved for
9 each license plate type, but in no case shall the number
10 reserved for any registration year for any one (1) type
11 exceed nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (9,999).

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13 (e) No motor vehicle shall be registered unless the
14 applicant verifies the motor vehicle is covered by a motor
15 vehicle liability policy in full force and effect in
16 amounts provided by W.S. 31-9-405(b) or a bond on file with
17 the department in amounts provided by W.S. 31-9-102(a)(xi).
18 The department shall adopt rules and regulations to
19 implement this subsection. This subsection does not apply
20 to self-insurers under W.S. 31-9-414. Issuance or renewal
21 of registration by a county treasurer does not constitute
22 verification or certification on the part of the county
23 treasurer that the registered vehicle is in fact covered by
24 required insurance or bond and neither the county treasurer

1 nor any employee of the county treasurer's office is liable
2 for damages caused by any person operating a registered
3 vehicle in violation of W.S. 31-4-103(a). Proof of
4 insurance shall be carried at all times in the insured
5 vehicle and shall be open for inspection at all times when
6 requested by any peace officer. Any applicant making a
7 false certification required by this subsection or failing
8 to provide proof of insurance on the registered vehicle as
9 required, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to
10 W.S. 31-4-103(a) upon conviction.

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12 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-1-101(a)(v), (x), (xiv), (xv)(F),
13 (J), by creating a new subparagraph (N), (xviii)(A), (B),
14 (xx), (xxi), (xxviii) and by creating new paragraphs (xxx)
15 through (xxxii), 31-1-201(a), (d) and (f), 31-1-202,
16 31-2-101, 31-2-102(a)(ii) and (iii), 31-2-103(a)(intro),
17 (iii), (v), (vi), (ix), by creating a new paragraph (x),
18 (b) through (d) and by creating a new subsection (g),
19 31-2-104(b) and (f), 31-2-105, 31-2-107(d) and by creating
20 a new subsection (n), 31-2-108(c), (d) and by creating a
21 new subsection (p), 31-2-109 by creating a new subsection
22 (d), 31-2-201(a)(intro), (ii)(B), (iv)(intro) and by
23 creating new subsections (j) through (n), 31-2-204(a),
24 31-2-206(g), (h) and (k), 31-2-212, 31-2-213(b),

1 31-2-214(a) (intro), 31-2-215(a) and (b), 31-2-216(a),
2 31-2-217(a) and (b), 31-2-218(a) and (b), 31-2-219(a),
3 31-2-220(a) and (b), 31-3-101(a) (i) (A) through (F), (c),
4 (g) (ii), (iii) and (h), 31-3-102(a) (v) (intro), (vi) (A), by
5 creating a new subparagraph (C), (vii) and (xvi),
6 31-3-103(e) and (g) (intro), 31-3-104(a) through (d),
7 31-4-101(a) (i) and by creating a new subsection (e) and
8 31-18-201(t) are amended to read:

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10 **31-1-101. Definitions.**

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12 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this
13 act:

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15 (v) "Factory price" means ~~ninety percent (90%)~~
16 ~~of~~ the manufacturer's suggested retail price of the make,
17 model and trim level of a vehicle, when new, ~~including all~~
18 ~~improvements and modifications attached to the vehicle and~~
19 ~~all accessories and equipment used with the vehicle during~~
20 ~~the period for which registration is issued,~~ but excludes
21 federal excise taxes, the cost of transportation from the
22 place of manufacture to the place of sale to the first
23 user., ~~mobile radio telephone equipment leased and~~
24 ~~nonstandard improvements and modifications necessary to~~

1 ~~permit operation by or transportation of persons with a~~
2 ~~mobility handicap as defined in W.S. 31-2-213(d)~~ The
3 factory price shall be determined from any current,
4 nationally recognized price guide;
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6 (x) "Implement of husbandry" means sheep wagons,
7 portable livestock loading chutes and every vehicle
8 designed and used exclusively for agricultural operations
9 and only incidentally operated or moved upon the highways
10 but includes ~~a~~ any trailer only when being towed by a farm
11 tractor;
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13 (xiv) "Legal owner" means ~~the person~~ all persons
14 in whose name a valid certificate of title has been issued;
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16 (xv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which
17 is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human
18 power or motorized skateboards. The term includes the
19 following vehicles as hereafter defined:
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21 (F) "Passenger car" means a motor vehicle
22 designed to carry ten (10) persons or less and primarily
23 used to transport persons, including ambulances and hearses

1 but excluding motorcycles, motor homes, multipurpose
2 vehicles, trucks and school buses;

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4 (J) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed,
5 used or maintained for the transportation of property,
6 including pickup trucks but excluding multipurpose vehicles
7 and passenger cars;

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9 (N) "Pickup truck" means any motor vehicle,
10 excluding multipurpose vehicles and passenger cars,
11 designed, used or maintained for the transportation of
12 property with an attached open cargo box directly behind
13 the passenger compartment and designed to be equipped with
14 a tailgate which can be lowered or opened to load or unload
15 property or cargo.

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17 (xviii) "Owner" means:

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19 (A) The legal owner as defined by W.S.
20 31-1-101(a)(xiv); or

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22 (B) A person, other than a lienholder,
23 ~~having the property in or title to a vehicle including a~~
24 ~~person~~ who leases a vehicle and is entitled to lawful use

1 and possession of a vehicle subject to a security interest
2 in another person but excluding a lessee under a lease not
3 intended as security.

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5 (xx) "Rental vehicle" means a vehicle which is
6 rented or offered for rental without a driver for a period
7 of thirty-one (31) days or less;

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9 (xxi) "Resident" for the purposes of this act
10 and unless otherwise exempt, means any one (1) of the
11 following:

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13 (A) Any person, except a full-time student
14 at the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming community
15 college, or a daily commuter from another jurisdiction
16 which exempts vehicles of daily commuters from Wyoming from
17 registration under a reciprocity agreement, who is
18 gainfully employed or engages in any trade, profession or
19 occupation within this state and owns, leases or rents a
20 place of residence or otherwise lives within Wyoming ~~and~~
21 ~~who~~ for the purpose of employment or, regardless of
22 domicile or any other circumstance, remains in the
23 jurisdiction for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days
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(B) Any person, ~~other than a daily commuter from another jurisdiction which exempts vehicles of daily commuters from Wyoming from registration under a reciprocity agreement or a full time student at the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming community college, who is gainfully employed in Wyoming~~ immediately upon filing a homestead or military tax exemption on property in this state; or

(C) Any ~~individual~~ person, partnership, company, firm, corporation or association which maintains a main or branch office or warehouse facility within Wyoming or which bases and operates motor vehicles in Wyoming; or

(D) Any individual, partnership, company, firm, corporation or association which operates motor vehicles in intrastate haulage in Wyoming; ~~;~~ or

(E) Any person, immediately upon the date of registering to vote in Wyoming; or

(F) Any person, immediately upon the date of application for public assistance from this state; or

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(G) Any person, immediately upon purchasing or holding a valid Wyoming resident hunting or fishing license.

(xxviii) "U-Drive-It ~~motor~~ vehicle" means a ~~motor~~ vehicle which is rented or offered for rental without a driver ~~and is designed to carry ten (10) persons or less~~ for a period of thirty-one (31) days or less, including consumer rental trucks and trailers used to transport personal property and effects, but not including trucks and trailers used to transport commercial freight;

(xxx) "Annual registration month" means:

(A) For a vehicle currently registered in this state, the month in which the registration expires;

(B) For a newly acquired vehicle, the month of acquisition;

(C) For any other vehicle, the month in which the vehicle was initially required to be registered in this state;

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(D) For dealer demo, full use and manufacturer license plates, the month in which the dealer's certificate was issued.

(xxxi) "Full-time student" means, for the purpose of this act: a person who attends the University of Wyoming, community college or any school licensed in this state offering post secondary education on a full-time basis, as defined by the University of Wyoming, community college or any other post secondary school licensed in this state;

(xxxii) "Special equipment" includes any equipment not included in the manufacturer's suggested retail price and not required for the operation of a vehicle upon a highway, but that is attached to the vehicle` during the period for which registration is issued and used for a business or other purpose.

31-1-201. General administrative procedures.

(a) The department shall provide for the administration and enforcement of this act by its

1 divisions. The department has supervisory jurisdiction over
2 the levy and collection of fees and taxes levied by this
3 act and shall ~~subject to subsection (g) of this section,~~
4 promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the
5 provisions hereof as provided by the Wyoming Administrative
6 Procedure Act necessary to the enforcement of the fee and
7 taxation provisions of this act.

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9 (d) The department shall prescribe and provide
10 suitable forms of applications, registration cards and all
11 other forms necessary to carry out the provisions of this
12 act subject to the requirements of this act and shall
13 ~~subject to subsection (g) of this section,~~ promulgate rules
14 and regulations consistent with the provisions hereof as
15 provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act
16 necessary to the enforcement of the fee and taxation
17 provisions of this act. The department shall promulgate
18 rules and regulations permitting any person aggrieved by
19 any final administrative decision of the department
20 including the payment of any fees and taxes to appeal to
21 the office of administrative hearings pursuant to W.S.
22 9-2-2202. The department shall provide, at cost, suitable
23 certificate of title forms to county clerks.

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1 (f) The department may revoke any vehicle
2 registration, certificate of title, or other authorization
3 when the holder thereof commits fraud or knowingly provides
4 false information on any application or in any process to
5 obtain vehicle registration, certificate of title or other
6 authorization, or is not entitled thereto or for violation
7 of this act following notice and hearing pursuant to the
8 Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act. Following revocation
9 any peace officer, department investigator or special
10 enforcement officer designated by the director to do so
11 upon request by the department shall seize and take
12 possession of the registration card, certificate of title,
13 dealer's certificate, license plates or authorization and
14 return the items to the department within five (5) business
15 days.

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17 **31-1-202. Records.**

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19 (a) County treasurers shall keep and maintain a
20 permanent record of vehicle registrations. ~~and other~~
21 ~~applications submitted to and authorizations issued by them~~
22 ~~pursuant to this act.~~ All applications and records other
23 than the record of vehicle registrations may be destroyed

1 by the treasurer after two (2) years from December 31 of
2 each year.

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4 (b) County clerks shall keep and maintain a record
5 ~~book~~ in which ~~a record of~~ all certificates of title shall
6 be recorded at the time of issue and which is open to
7 inspection by the public during reasonable office hours.

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9 (c) Within ~~seventy two (72) hours~~ three (3) business
10 days after issuance of a vehicle registration or
11 certificate of title, county treasurers and county clerks
12 shall forward a ~~copy~~ record thereof to the department.
13 County treasurers shall notify the department and sheriff
14 of his county of loss or mutilation of license plates.

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16 (d) The department shall maintain records of vehicle
17 registrations from all counties indexed by distinctive
18 vehicle numbers assigned by the department, the name of the
19 registered owner and vehicle identification numbers. The
20 department shall maintain a record of all vehicle
21 certificates of title from all counties. Records are public
22 and open to inspection by the public during reasonable
23 office hours. The department shall maintain a vehicle
24 identification number index of all vehicles for which

1 certificates of title have been issued. Upon receipt of a
2 notice of issuance of a certificate of title from any
3 county clerk the department may destroy all records
4 relating to former transfers of title to the vehicle and
5 shall retain only the notice of issuance of the certificate
6 of title in effect at any time. The department may annually
7 compile and publish a list of all registered vehicles and
8 supplements thereto which shall be furnished to Wyoming
9 peace officers and the ~~state director of civil defense~~
10 Wyoming office of homeland security without charge.

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12 (e) Records under this section shall be available to
13 the public pursuant to current federal and state laws
14 relative to the release of private information. Nothing in
15 this section shall supersede federal law.

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17 **31-2-101. Required application.**

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19 (a) Except as provided by W.S. 31-2-102 and
20 ~~subsection (b) of this section~~ pursuant to W.S.
21 31-1-101(a)(xxi)(A) through (G), every owner of a vehicle
22 ~~which will be operated on Wyoming highways and~~ for which no
23 Wyoming certificate of title has been issued to the owner,
24 or the transferee upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle

1 for which a Wyoming certificate of title is required, shall
2 apply for a certificate of title at the office of a county
3 clerk, or if available, electronically, within the same
4 time periods as required by W.S. 31-2-201(a)(ii) and (iii).

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6 (b) Every owner or transferee upon transfer of
7 ownership of ~~an off-road recreational~~ any vehicle ~~may that~~
8 has an identifying number pursuant to W.S. 31-1-101(a)(ix),
9 including off-road recreational or multipurpose vehicles
10 and, for the purpose of titling under this section,
11 including snowmobiles and watercraft, shall apply for a
12 certificate of title at the office of a county clerk.

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14 **31-2-102. Exemptions.**

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16 (a) No certificate of title shall be issued for:

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18 (ii) ~~Farm tractors~~ Implements of husbandry,
19 except multipurpose vehicles that qualify as implements of
20 husbandry;

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22 (iii) Vehicles of nonresident owners titled in
23 another state; ~~-. If the vehicle is required to be~~
24 ~~registered in Wyoming, upon proper showing of the current~~

~~registration in another state, the county clerk shall issue
a special nontransferable certificate for registration
purposes;~~

**31-2-103. Contents of application; signature; vehicle
identification number; issuance of certificate.**

(a) Applications for paper certificates of title or
electronic certificates of title, if available, shall be
under oath and contain or be accompanied by:

(iii) If a new vehicle purchased from a properly
licensed dealer in any other state or a properly licensed
Wyoming new vehicle dealer, as defined by W.S.
31-16-101(a)(xviii)(A):

(A) The manufacturer's certificate of
origin indicating the date of sale to and the name of the
first person receiving it from the manufacturer and a
certification the vehicle was new when sold by the
manufacturer, however, no person shall transfer ownership
of a vehicle from a manufacturer's statement of origin or a
manufacturer's certificate of origin unless the person is
the manufacturer of the vehicle or a properly licensed

1 dealer for that state and who holds a valid sales and
2 service agreement from the manufacturer of the vehicle;~~and~~

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4 (B) Certification by the properly licensed
5 dealer that the vehicle was new when sold to the
6 applicant;~~;~~ and

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8 (C) A statement from the dealer indicating
9 the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) for the
10 make, model and trim level of the vehicle sold.

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12 (v) The current title containing an assignment
13 and warranty of title, if applicable, and an affidavit by
14 the seller, either separate or contained on the current
15 title, which shall contain a reference to the federal
16 regulations stating that failure to complete or providing
17 false information may result in fines and imprisonment and
18 ~~include the following~~ may include a department approved
19 statement in substantially the following form: "I state
20 that the odometer now reads miles (no tenths) and to
21 the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual
22 mileage of the vehicle described herein unless one (1) of
23 the following statements is checked: A. I hereby certify
24 that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading

1 reflects the amount of mileage is in excess of its
2 mechanical limits; B. I hereby certify that the odometer
3 reading is NOT the actual mileage. WARNING-ODOMETER
4 DISCREPANCY", to be retained by the county clerk upon
5 issuance of a new title. This paragraph shall not apply to
6 vehicles not originally manufactured with an odometer;
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8 (vi) In the case of a vehicle registered or
9 titled in a state other than Wyoming, or any homemade
10 vehicle, rebuilt vehicle, reconstructed vehicle, any
11 vehicle assembled from a kit or any vehicle for which a
12 bond is required, a current statement made by a Wyoming law
13 enforcement officer, or licensed Wyoming dealer only for
14 vehicles in his inventory or possession, that the vehicle
15 identification number on the vehicle has been inspected and
16 that the inspection occurred in Wyoming and certifying the
17 correct vehicle identification number displayed on the
18 vehicle. Any licensed Wyoming dealer performing an
19 inspection of a vehicle identification number under this
20 section shall, in addition to the requirements of this act,
21 do so pursuant to W.S. 31-11-108. In the case of a vehicle
22 not in Wyoming, the vehicle identification number may be
23 inspected and certified on a form ~~prescribed~~ approved by
24 the department if the inspection is made by an authorized

1 law enforcement officer of a city, county or state law
2 enforcement agency or a commissioned officer at a federal
3 military installation ~~and the form is duly notarized or any~~
4 ~~other person authorized to do so by law~~ and delivered to
5 the county clerk in the county where the application for
6 certificate of title is made along with payment for the
7 inspection fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(b)(iv) i. ~~If the~~
8 ~~certificate of title or registration of a vehicle under~~
9 ~~this paragraph contains a brand or any word or symbol~~
10 ~~indicating the vehicle has been damaged by flood, rebuilt,~~
11 ~~reconstructed or otherwise modified, the brand, word or~~
12 ~~symbol shall be carried forward on all subsequent~~
13 ~~certificates of title issued in this state. A vehicle~~
14 ~~designated by any other state as nonrepairable or any other~~
15 ~~word or symbol of like kind shall be issued a certificate~~
16 ~~of title and may be reregistered if the owner complies with~~
17 ~~the provisions of W.S. 31-2-107 and 31-2-108;~~

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19 (ix) Such other information as required by the
20 department or county clerk which may include but not be
21 limited to a vehicle bill of sale or similar document, any
22 documentation necessary to verify proof of ownership
23 including an affidavit for proof of ownership or any surety
24 bond required by this act. Any affidavit for proof of

1 ownership shall be prescribed pursuant to W.S. 31-1-201(d)
2 and shall be utilized by each county of this state;

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4 (x) A Wyoming certificate of title shall contain
5 an appropriate notice whenever records readily accessible
6 to the state indicate that the motor vehicle was previously
7 issued a title or registration from any jurisdiction that
8 bore any word or symbol signifying that the vehicle was
9 "salvage", "unrebuildable", "parts only", "scrap", "junk",
10 "nonrepairable", "reconstructed", "rebuilt" or any other
11 symbol or word of like kind, or that it has been damaged by
12 flood. Any information concerning a motor vehicle's status
13 shall also be conveyed on any subsequent title issued for
14 the vehicle by this state, including a duplicate or
15 replacement title.

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17 (b) If the application for title is for a ~~new~~ vehicle
18 purchased from a properly licensed Wyoming dealer, the
19 application may be signed by the dealer, include a
20 statement of transfer by the dealer and of any lien
21 retained by the dealer. Only a properly licensed Wyoming
22 dealer may sign a statement of transfer.

1 (c) If a vehicle to be titled has no vehicle
2 identification number, the applicant shall apply for and
3 obtain a number from the department pursuant to W.S.
4 31-11-105.

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6 (d) Upon receipt of an application and payment of
7 fees any county clerk shall, if satisfied that the
8 applicant is the owner of the vehicle for which application
9 for certificate of title is made, issue a paper certificate
10 of title or electronic certificate of title, if available,
11 upon a form or electronic format, approved by and provided
12 at cost to the county clerk by the department in the name
13 of the owner bearing the signature and seal of the county
14 clerk's office. The county clerk shall not deliver a
15 certificate of title issued under this section until
16 presentation of a receipt for payment of sales or use tax
17 pursuant to W.S. 39-15-107(b) or 39-16-107(b). If a lien is
18 filed with respect to the vehicle, the county clerk shall,
19 ~~immediately~~ within three (3) business days, deliver a copy
20 of the filed lien and a copy of the issued title to the
21 financial institution and if available, such delivery may
22 be made electronically. Each paper certificate of title or
23 electronic version, shall bear a document control number
24 with county designation and certificate of title number.

1 The title shall be completely filled out giving a
2 description of the vehicle including factory price in a
3 manner prescribed by the department, indicate all
4 encumbrances or liens on the vehicle and indicate the date
5 of issue. Certificates of title shall contain forms for
6 assignment of title or interest and warranty thereof by the
7 owner with space for notation of liens and encumbrances at
8 the time of transfer on the reverse side and contain space
9 for the notarization of a sale or transfer of title.
10 Certificates of title are valid for the vehicle so long as
11 the vehicle is owned or held by the person in whose name
12 the title was issued. A certificate of title is prima facie
13 proof of ownership of the vehicle for which the certificate
14 was issued.

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16 (g) Any Wyoming law enforcement officer who
17 determines from a physical inspection that the vehicle
18 identification number has been removed, changed, altered or
19 obliterated for any reason, shall proceed pursuant to W.S.
20 31-11-111, unless the vehicle is in the process of
21 obtaining a state assigned number pursuant to W.S.
22 31-11-105.

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24 **31-2-104. Transfer of ownership.**

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2 (b) If the transferee is a licensed dealer who holds
3 the vehicle for resale, procures the certificate of title
4 from the transferor and operates the vehicle only for
5 demonstration purposes under dealer license plates, the
6 dealer is not required to obtain a new certificate of title
7 but may transfer the vehicle by an assignment and warranty
8 of title upon the certificate of title or department
9 approved statement of transfer form and deliver the
10 certificate to a subsequent transferee.

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12 (f) Any person knowingly providing false or
13 incomplete information on ~~the damage disclosure~~ any
14 statement required by this act is guilty of a misdemeanor
15 and upon conviction shall be fined not more than seven
16 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisoned for not more
17 than six (6) months, or both.

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19 **31-2-105. Duplicate titles; affidavit of vehicle**
20 **ownership; bond for certificate of title.**

21

22 (a) Upon loss of a certificate of title, the owner
23 may apply to the county clerk issuing the original title
24 for a duplicate title. The applicant shall file an

1 affidavit describing the loss with the county clerk. Upon
2 payment of fees the county clerk shall issue a duplicate
3 certificate of title corresponding to the original
4 certificate and containing the following notation
5 prominently displayed in capital letters on the face of the
6 certificate: "THIS IS A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND
7 MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF A PERSON OR PERSONS UNDER
8 THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE". No duplicate certificate shall
9 be issued before the 11th day after the affidavit is filed
10 unless the owner deposits an indemnity bond to the state of
11 Wyoming with the county clerk ~~in an amount of not less than~~
12 ~~double the value of the vehicle shown upon the registration~~
13 ~~of the vehicle. The bond shall be executed by a surety duly~~
14 ~~authorized to carry on business in Wyoming or by individual~~
15 ~~sureties qualified as provided by W.S. 1-1-104 and 1-1-105.~~
16 ~~Bonds shall be conditioned for protection and~~
17 ~~indemnification of all persons who may have any interest in~~
18 ~~or dealing with the vehicle against any loss which may~~
19 ~~occur by reason of the issuance of the duplicate~~
20 ~~certificate before the 11th day after the affidavit is~~
21 ~~filed~~ as specified in this section.

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23 (b) If an applicant for a certificate of title
24 required by this act is unable to provide the county clerk

1 with a certificate of title that assigns the prior owner's
2 interest, a notarized bill of sale or other evidence of
3 ownership that satisfies the county clerk that the
4 applicant owns the vehicle, a certificate of title may be
5 issued only if:

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7 (i) The applicant submits an affidavit of
8 vehicle ownership on a form prescribed by the department
9 that shall be signed and sworn before a person who is
10 authorized to administer oaths and affirmations. The
11 affidavit shall contain:

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13 (A) A complete description of the vehicle;

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15 (B) A recital of facts and circumstances by
16 which the applicant acquired the ownership and possession
17 of the vehicle including the previous owner's name and
18 address and why the applicant is unable to provide the
19 clerk with the information required in subsection (b) of
20 this section;

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22 (C) A disclosure of any and all security
23 interests, liens or encumbrances that are known to the
24 applicant and that are outstanding against the vehicle;

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(D) A statement that the applicant is the true and lawful owner of the vehicle and has the right to have a certificate of title issued.

(ii) In addition to the affidavit of ownership, the applicant shall furnish the county clerk an indemnity bond as specified by this section.

(c) If the vehicle for which the applicant is applying for a certificate of title has a value less than six hundred dollars (\$600.00), a title may be issued without a bond if the applicant presents an affidavit of vehicle ownership, a notarized bill of sale, a certified, written statement of the value from a properly licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer and a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection, or any other information the county clerk may require for proof of ownership, at the time of application.

(d) Any bond required by this section shall be executed by a surety duly authorized to carry on business in Wyoming or by individual sureties qualified as provided by W.S. 1-1-104 and 1-1-105. The amount of any bond

1 required under this section shall not be less than double
2 the value of the vehicle determined at the time of the
3 application. If the value of the vehicle cannot be
4 determined from any prior registration or title, the
5 applicant shall provide the county clerk the value of the
6 vehicle. The value of the vehicle shall be determined by
7 the applicant or the surety from any current national
8 appraisal guide, current or past registration if the value
9 is present on any registration for the vehicle, or the
10 value may be on certified written statement obtained from a
11 properly licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer. The bond shall be
12 conditioned to indemnify a prior owner, lienholder,
13 subsequent purchaser, secured creditor or encumbrancer of
14 the vehicle and any respective successors in interest
15 against expenses, losses or damages, including reasonable
16 attorney fees, caused by the issuance of the certificate of
17 title or by a defect in or undisclosed security interest
18 upon the right, title and interest of the applicant in the
19 vehicle.

20
21 (e) If any person suffers a loss or damage by reason
22 of the filing or issuance of the certificate of title as
23 provided in this section, such person shall have a right of
24 action to seek relief directly against the applicant and

1 the surety on the applicant's bond against either of whom
2 the person damaged may proceed independently of the other,
3 but the aggregate liability of the surety to any or all
4 persons seeking relief shall not exceed the total amount of
5 the bond.

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7 **31-2-107. Titles for damaged vehicles; return of**
8 **certificate of title and registration for damaged vehicle;**
9 **replacement title and registration.**

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11 (d) This section shall not apply to motor vehicles
12 with more than eight (8) years of service except any
13 vehicle that was previously issued a title from any state
14 that bore any word or symbol signifying that the vehicle
15 was "salvage", "unrebuildable", "parts only", "scrap",
16 "junk", "nonrepairable", "reconstructed", "rebuilt" or any
17 other symbol or word of like kind, or that it has been
18 damaged by flood, shall obtain a Wyoming title with the
19 prior brand or any other information concerning the motor
20 vehicle status, carried forward on any subsequent Wyoming
21 title irregardless of years of service.

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23 (n) Any vehicle that is titled pursuant to this
24 section may be reregistered if the owner complies with the

provisions of this section and W.S. 31-2-108. Any vehicle
branded "salvage" as a result of hail or theft with no
damage, other than cosmetic, or vehicles titled "rebuilt"
or "reconstructed" by any other state and that brand is
carried forward on a Wyoming title, are not required to go
through the rebuilt title process and may be reregistered
pursuant to this act after obtaining a Wyoming title
branded "salvage" or "rebuilt", as applicable.

**31-2-108. Rebuilt salvage vehicles; titles;
requirements.**

(c) A motor vehicle owner submitting an application
for a rebuilt salvage vehicle decal shall be required to
provide a completed document approved by the department
identifying the vehicle's damage prior to being repaired, a
copy of the original certificate of title branded "salvage"
and the name and address of the person who repaired or
rebuilt the vehicle. The owner shall also include an
affirmation that the information in the declaration is
complete and accurate and, to the knowledge of the
declarant, no stolen parts were used during the rebuilding.

Vehicles for which the certificate of title issued by
another jurisdiction is clearly branded or declared as

1 "salvage" due to hail or theft with no damage, other than
2 cosmetic, or vehicles titled "rebuilt" or "reconstructed"
3 by any other state and the brand is carried forward on a
4 Wyoming title, are not required to go through the rebuilt
5 title process for registration purposes and may be
6 reregistered pursuant to this act after obtaining a Wyoming
7 title branded "salvage" or "rebuilt" as applicable, or in
8 the case of a vehicle damaged by hail or theft with no
9 damage, other than cosmetic, by submitting to the county
10 clerk a statement from a properly licensed Wyoming vehicle
11 dealer or a licensed insurance adjuster that the damage is
12 cosmetic only.

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14 (d) After the owner of a motor vehicle for which a
15 certificate of title branded "salvage" has been issued
16 pursuant to this act, provides the information required
17 under subsection (c) of this section to the department, the
18 department shall provide to the owner a secure decal which
19 shall comply with the permanency requirements of the
20 department, stating "rebuilt salvage vehicle". The owner
21 shall apply the decal to the driver's door jamb of the
22 vehicle prior to having the vehicle inspected by a Wyoming
23 law enforcement officer for the vehicle identification
24 number and to ensure the decal has been properly affixed.

1 On a motorcycle, the owner shall apply the decal opposite
2 the vehicle identification number on the fork crown in a
3 manner that does not obscure the vehicle identification
4 number, prior to having the motorcycle inspected by a
5 Wyoming law enforcement officer for the vehicle
6 identification number and to ensure the decal has been
7 properly affixed. The owner shall pay the fee specified in
8 W.S. 31-3-102(b) for the inspection.

9
10 (p) If a damaged vehicle is rebuilt and the owner is
11 issued a certificate of title branded "rebuilt", the owner
12 shall register the vehicle as required under W.S. 31-2-201,
13 unless the owner is a licensed vehicle dealer under chapter
14 16 of this title and the vehicle was rebuilt for resale to
15 the public. If the person registering the rebuilt vehicle
16 is the person under whose name the vehicle was previously
17 registered and the annual registration year for the vehicle
18 prior to being damaged has not expired at the time of
19 application under this section, a credit shall be issued
20 for the remainder of the current annual registration year
21 for the vehicle to be applied against any registration fees
22 due for registration of the vehicle for the same period.

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24 **31-2-109. Disclosure requirements.**

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2 (d) Nothing in this act shall prevent the buyer from
3 voiding the sale if there is evidence that the buyer failed
4 to receive the branded title, or a copy of the branded
5 title, or any other notification indicating the title bore
6 any brand at the time of purchase, regardless of when the
7 title was issued in the buyer's name. The election to
8 render the sale voidable shall be in writing and delivered
9 to the seller not later than thirty (30) days after the
10 buyer first receives knowledge that the title carries a
11 brand.

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13 **31-2-201. Registration required; timelines.**

14
15 (a) ~~Every owner of a vehicle shall apply for~~
16 ~~registration of and license plates for the vehicle~~ Except
17 as provided in W.S. 31-2-224, every owner, or if
18 applicable, operator or lessee, of a vehicle which will be
19 operated or driven upon any highway in Wyoming, shall be
20 required to obtain registration at the following times:

21
22 (ii) Upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle:
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1 (B) Within forty-five (45) days if
2 transferred by an out-of-state dealer, regardless of when
3 the out-of-state temporary permit expires;

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5 (iv) Notwithstanding paragraph (iii) of this
6 subsection, immediately ~~if the operator of a vehicle~~
7 ~~operated in this state is:~~ when the vehicle is being
8 operated by a person not from this state for transportation
9 to or from, or for the purpose of gainful employment or any
10 trade, profession or occupation within this state.

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12 (j) Any nonresident owner, lessee or operator of a
13 vehicle who is employed in this state on a temporary or
14 full-time basis may choose to purchase a temporary worker
15 registration permit from the county treasurer in lieu of
16 registering the vehicle pursuant to paragraph (a)(iv) of
17 this section and paying the fees pursuant to W.S. 31-3-101,
18 provided the vehicle displays a valid registration and
19 license plate from another jurisdiction and is properly
20 insured. Application for the temporary worker registration
21 permit shall be made to the county treasurer in the manner
22 and form prescribed by the department and shall be
23 submitted with proof of valid insurance. The temporary
24 worker registration permit shall bear a distinctive number

1 assigned to the vehicle, an expiration date and at all
2 times be prominently displayed and clearly visible on the
3 vehicle in a manner prescribed by the department. Fees
4 collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the
5 county general fund. The fee for a temporary worker
6 registration permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per
7 each month of required registration, and shall not exceed
8 one hundred twenty (120) days per vehicle.

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10 (k) W.S. 31-2-225 notwithstanding, upon compliance
11 with W.S. 39-15-107(b) and 39-16-107(b), if applicable, a
12 nonresident owner of a vehicle not employed in this state,
13 or any owner upon transfer of ownership or lease, may, as
14 an alternative to registration, obtain one (1) temporary
15 registration permit in a twelve (12) month period
16 authorizing operation of the vehicle on the highways of
17 this state for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from
18 the date of issuance of the temporary registration permit.
19 Any registration issued under this section shall bear a
20 distinctive number assigned to the vehicle, an expiration
21 date and at all times be prominently displayed and clearly
22 visible on the vehicle in the manner prescribed by the
23 department. Application for a temporary registration permit
24 shall be made to the county treasurer in the manner and

1 form prescribed by the department. A temporary registration
2 permit under this subsection shall not be considered an
3 initial registration under W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxx). The fee
4 for the temporary registration permit shall be an amount
5 equal to the following fractions of the annual registration
6 fees for the vehicle required under W.S. 31-3-101:

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8 (i) Up to thirty (30) days at one-tenth (.10);

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10 (ii) Up to sixty (60) days at two-tenths (.20);

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12 (iii) Up to ninety (90) days at three-tenths
13 (.30).

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15 (m) A one time "in transit" permit may also be
16 purchased for a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per vehicle,
17 which entitles a person who obtains a vehicle from any
18 person, other than a licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer, to
19 operate the vehicle on the highways of Wyoming without
20 registration, only for the purpose of removing the vehicle
21 from the state within a period of forty-eight (48) hours
22 from the date of the permit. The applicant for this permit
23 shall be required to provide any documentation necessary,
24 including proof of insurance, to satisfy the county

1 treasurer that the applicant has the lawful right to the
2 vehicle. The permit shall expire forty-eight (48) hours
3 after issuance, or upon leaving the state. The permit
4 shall bear a distinctive number assigned to the vehicle, an
5 expiration date and shall at all times be prominently
6 displayed and clearly visible on the vehicle in a manner
7 prescribed by the department.

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9 (n) A vehicle which is not included as part of a
10 licensed dealer's inventory, is not currently registered in
11 this state or any other jurisdiction and is required to be
12 registered if operated on the public highways of this state
13 may be operated for demonstration purposes, without a load,
14 on the public highways of this state while displaying a
15 demonstration permit. The permit shall be obtained from the
16 department, agent or any authorized person by the
17 department, upon application, presentation of a valid
18 certificate of title and payment of the prescribed fee. The
19 permit shall indicate the dates of demonstration, not
20 exceeding ninety-six (96) hours, and such other information
21 as the department prescribes. The department shall
22 prescribe the manner in which the permit shall be
23 displayed.

1 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**
2 **and license plates by county; form.**

3
4 (a) Upon receipt of an approved application and
5 payment of fees the county treasurer shall issue to the
6 applicant a certificate of registration conforming with the
7 facts set forth in the application together with one (1)
8 license plate or validation sticker for motorcycles,
9 multipurpose vehicles, trailers, including house trailers,
10 and vehicles operated with dealer license plates and two
11 (2) license plates or proper validation stickers for any
12 other vehicle. A copy of the certificate of registration
13 shall be carried at all times in the motor vehicle for
14 which it is valid and shall be displayed upon demand of any
15 peace officer.

16
17 **31-2-206. Annual renewal; delivery of license plates**
18 **and stickers; staggered registration.**

19
20 (g) ~~Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section,~~
21 Any person who registers two (2) or more vehicles may
22 select one (1) currently existing annual registration month
23 for all of those vehicles. Notwithstanding ~~paragraph~~
24 ~~(j)(ii) of this section~~ W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxx)(B), any

1 person who elects to register vehicles under the provisions
2 of this subsection may thereafter apply to the county
3 treasurer to have the same annual registration month apply
4 to subsequently acquired vehicles. When electing to
5 establish the same registration period for all vehicles,
6 the owner shall pay the current annual registration fee
7 plus one-twelfth (1/12) of that annual fee for each
8 additional month necessary to extend the registration to
9 the registration period under which all the vehicles will
10 be registered. No depreciation shall be allowed for the
11 required additional months. Thereafter, all the vehicles
12 shall be registered on an annual basis.

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14 (h) If a county treasurer with the approval of the
15 board of county commissioners elects to register vehicles
16 under this subsection, the annual registration month for
17 all vehicles shall be December and except for vehicles
18 registered during calendar year 1992 and each year
19 thereafter, the license plates or stickers issued for any
20 calendar year under this subsection shall only be used for
21 the vehicle for which issued through the last day of March
22 of the succeeding calendar year. For vehicles registered
23 during calendar year 1992 and each year thereafter, the
24 license plates or stickers issued for any calendar year

1 under this subsection shall only be issued for use through
2 the last day of February of the succeeding calendar year.
3 ~~Paragraphs (j) (i) and (ii) of this section~~ W.S.
4 31-1-101(a) (xxx) (A) and (B) do not apply if an election is
5 made under this subsection. A county treasurer with the
6 approval of the board of county commissioners may
7 subsequently elect to follow the procedure in subsections
8 (e) through (g) of this section for any succeeding calendar
9 year by notifying the department not later than April 1 of
10 the year preceding the year for which the election is made
11 and providing adequate publicity to county residents about
12 the election. If any election is made to follow the
13 procedure in subsections (e) through (g) of this section,
14 credit shall be given for registration fees paid through
15 December 31 of the year for which the election is made. If
16 a county treasurer follows the procedure under subsections
17 (e) through (g) of this section, no subsequent election
18 shall be made. No election under this subsection shall be
19 made for a calendar year in which new license plates shall
20 be issued.

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22 (k) Dealer demo, full use and manufacturer license
23 plates are valid for one (1) year beginning the first day
24 of the month following the annual registration month

provided the dealer or manufacturer holds a valid license pursuant to W.S. 31-16-104 and the dealer or manufacturer license is not suspended, revoked, cancelled or expired. The dealer or manufacturer license plates shall expire upon the date of any revocation, suspension, cancellation or expiration of the dealer or manufacturer license. Any and all license plates expired pursuant to this paragraph shall be immediately returned to the department upon expiration.

31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of registration, plates or validation stickers.

Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of registration, license plate, or validation sticker the owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, new license plates or validation stickers from any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle was registered or plates or stickers were issued by the department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or destruction, return of mutilated plates or stickers and payment of the duplicate registration, plate or sticker fee. For those vehicles registered under the provisions of W.S. ~~31-2-206(b), 31-2-207 through 31-2-209,~~ 31-2-213(h) or 31-2-215 through ~~31-2-217~~ 31-2-223, replacement duplicate

1 license plates may be obtained upon application with the
2 county treasurer from which the original plates were
3 purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied by
4 fees as provided by W.S. ~~31-3-102(a)(vi)(A)~~
5 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate license plates obtained under
6 this section to replace lost or stolen plates shall not be
7 displayed on the vehicle until the validation stickers on
8 the lost or stolen plates have expired. Upon loss,
9 mutilation or destruction of a dealer plate or validation
10 sticker the dealer may obtain a replacement dealer plate or
11 validation sticker from the county treasurer from which he
12 purchased the original plate in the same manner as the
13 owner of a vehicle and upon payment of the appropriate fee
14 under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi). Obtaining a replacement plate
15 is not the purchase of an additional plate under W.S.
16 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon application for new license plates or
17 stickers the county treasurer shall notify the department
18 and the county sheriff as soon as possible of the loss,
19 mutilation or destruction. The department shall notify the
20 appropriate law enforcement agencies of any loss,
21 mutilation or destruction of license plates or stickers.
22

1 **31-2-213. Department to supply registration**
2 **certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield**
3 **placards.**

4
5 (b) The department may issue license plates, except
6 dealer and antique motor vehicle license plates, which
7 shall be valid for not more than eight (8) years if annual
8 validation stickers are attached ~~covering the original year~~
9 ~~designation on the plate~~ in the upper left corner of the
10 license plate with the month and year of expiration clearly
11 visible. Department authorized license plates and annual
12 stickers shall be of colors that are readily
13 distinguishable from the previous year.

14
15 **31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.**

16
17 (a) Except as provided by subsections (b) through (d)
18 of this section, upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle
19 the registration of the vehicle expires and the original
20 owner shall immediately remove the license plates from the
21 vehicle. Within ~~ten (10)~~ forty-five (45) days after
22 acquiring another vehicle for which the license plates
23 would be proper, the original owner may file an application
24 for the transfer of the license registration number to a

1 vehicle acquired by him accompanied by the fees based on
2 the amount which would be due on a new registration as of
3 the date of transfer less any credit for the unused portion
4 of the original registration fees for the original vehicle
5 for the assignment of the plates to the recently acquired
6 vehicle subject to the following:

7
8 **31-2-215. Disabled veteran's license plates.**

9
10 (a) A disabled veteran who receives fifty percent
11 (50%) or more service connected disability compensation
12 from the United States department of veteran's affairs and
13 who is a resident at the time of application under
14 subsection (b) of this section, may apply for distinctive
15 license plates for a motor vehicle, other than a commercial
16 vehicle, motorcycle, multipurpose vehicle, bus or motor
17 home, owned or leased by him upon registration of the
18 vehicle. These license plates shall be displayed upon the
19 vehicle for which they are issued. The license plates shall
20 bear a distinctive symbol or letters identifying the
21 registrant as a disabled veteran. The department shall
22 prescribe the symbol or letters which shall not include
23 arabic numerals designating the county.

24

1 (b) Application for license plates under subsection
2 (a) of this section shall be annually made to the county
3 treasurer as provided by ~~W.S. 31-2-201~~ this article, except
4 application shall be made not less than thirty (30) days
5 before the last day of the applicant's annual registration
6 month. Application forms shall be available at all county
7 treasurer's offices.

8
9 **31-2-216. Special plates; former prisoners of war.**

10
11 (a) The county treasurer shall issue one (1) set of
12 special license plates for either a passenger car, truck or
13 motor home owned or leased by a former prisoner of war in
14 accordance with this section for the year 1988 and
15 thereafter.

16
17 **31-2-217. Special plates; Pearl Harbor survivors;**
18 **national guard members; purple heart recipients.**

19
20 (a) The county treasurer shall issue one (1) set of
21 special license plates to each applicant for either a
22 passenger car, truck or motor home owned or leased by a
23 survivor of Pearl Harbor or by a member of the Wyoming army
24 or air national guard, in accordance with this section for

1 the year 1990 and thereafter. For the year 1993 and
2 thereafter, the county treasurer shall issue one (1) set of
3 special license plates to each applicant for either a
4 passenger car, truck or motor home owned by a purple heart
5 recipient. These license plates shall be displayed upon
6 the vehicle for which they are issued.

7
8 (b) Application for license plates under subsection
9 (a) of this section shall be annually made to the county
10 treasurer as provided by ~~W.S. 31-2-201~~ this article.
11 Application forms shall be available at all county
12 treasurer's offices. The registration fees prescribed by
13 W.S. 31-3-101 shall accompany each application. No
14 additional fee shall be charged for the license plates
15 provided by this section.

16
17 **31-2-218. Firefighter's license plates.**

18
19 (a) A firefighter employed by a city, county, state
20 or duly created fire protection district or a volunteer
21 firefighter as defined by W.S. 35-9-601 may apply for
22 distinctive license plates for any motor vehicle that is
23 not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or
24 leased by him upon registration of the vehicle. If the

1 firefighter became a member of a bona fide fire department
2 after January 1, 1995, he shall have a minimum of one (1)
3 year service with the fire department and be firefighter
4 one certified or engine boss wildfire certified in order to
5 apply for the license plate. The fire chief or his
6 designated assistant shall sign a written statement that
7 the applicant is eligible to obtain the license plate.
8 License plates issued under this section shall be displayed
9 upon the vehicle for which they are issued. The license
10 plates shall bear a distinctive symbol and letters
11 identifying the registrant as a firefighter.

12

13 (b) Application for license plates under subsection
14 (a) of this section shall be annually made to the county
15 treasurer as provided by ~~W.S. 31-2-201~~ this article. The
16 written statement of eligibility required under subsection
17 (a) of this section shall be presented to the county
18 treasurer before a license plate may be issued. Application
19 forms shall be available at all county treasurer's offices.
20 The fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall
21 accompany each application.

22

23 **31-2-219. University of Wyoming license plates.**

24

1 (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in
2 Wyoming pursuant to ~~W.S. 31-2-201~~ this article may apply to
3 the University of Wyoming for a statement of eligibility
4 for distinctive University of Wyoming license plates for
5 any motor vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or
6 multipurpose vehicle owned or leased by the applicant upon
7 registration of the vehicle. Upon payment by the applicant
8 of a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) established and
9 assessed by the University of Wyoming, the university shall
10 issue a written statement of eligibility for University of
11 Wyoming license plates. Application shall be made at least
12 thirty (30) days before registration of the vehicle
13 expires. Any fees collected under this section shall be
14 payable to the University of Wyoming, shall be deposited in
15 a separate account and are continuously appropriated for
16 use as provided in W.S. 21-17-118. The fee authorized
17 under this section may be increased annually up to the
18 percentage increase as shown by the Wyoming cost-of-living
19 index as determined by the division of economic analysis of
20 the department of administration and information.

21

22 **31-2-220. Emergency medical technician's license**
23 **plates.**

24

1 (a) Any person certified by the department of health
2 as an emergency medical technician may apply for
3 distinctive license plates for any motor vehicle that is
4 not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or
5 leased by that person upon registration of the vehicle.
6 These license plates shall be displayed upon the vehicle
7 for which they are issued. The license plates shall bear a
8 distinctive symbol and letters identifying the registrant
9 as an emergency medical technician.

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11 (b) Application for license plates under subsection
12 (a) of this section shall be annually made to the county
13 treasurer as provided by ~~W.S. 31-2-201~~ this article. A
14 written statement of eligibility, accompanied by a copy of
15 the applicant's current emergency medical technician
16 certification, shall be presented to the county treasurer
17 before a license plate or renewal sticker may be issued.
18 Application forms shall be available at all county
19 treasurer's offices. The normal registration fees and the
20 fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany
21 each application. A person issued distinctive license
22 plates pursuant to this section who is no longer a
23 certified emergency medical technician shall apply for

1 regular license plates pursuant to ~~W.S. 31-2-201~~ this
2 article before registration of the vehicle expires.

3

4 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

5

6 (a) Except as otherwise provided, the following fees
7 shall accompany each application for the registration of a
8 vehicle:

9

10 (i) A county registration fee computed as
11 follows, or five dollars (\$5.00), whichever is greater:

12

13 (A) 3% of 60% of the factory price plus
14 special equipment value for a vehicle in its first year of
15 service;

16

17 (B) 3% of 50% of the factory price plus
18 special equipment value for a vehicle in its second year of
19 service;

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21 (C) 3% of 40% of the factory price plus
22 special equipment value for a vehicle in its third year of
23 service;

24

1 (D) 3% of 30% of the factory price plus
2 special equipment value for a vehicle in its fourth year of
3 service;

4
5 (E) 3% of 20% of the factory price plus
6 special equipment value for a vehicle in its fifth year of
7 service;

8
9 (F) 3% of 15% of the factory price plus
10 special equipment value for a vehicle in its sixth year of
11 service and thereafter.

12
13 (c) When ~~no~~a factory price or special equipment
14 value is not available for the computation of fees as
15 required by this act an affidavit of valuation executed by
16 the owner may be accepted. When an affidavit is presented
17 for a homemade trailer or homemade special equipment, an
18 affidavit of valuation executed by the owner may be
19 accepted but the valuation given shall not be less than the
20 actual cost of construction of the trailer or homemade
21 special equipment. The county clerk or treasurer may also
22 utilize a valuation for any trailer set by the county
23 assessor.

24

1 (g) Owners of the following vehicles are exempt from
2 the payment of fees provided by subsections (a) and (b) of
3 this section:

4
5 (ii) Motor vehicles which ~~will~~have not ~~be~~been
6 operated or driven upon Wyoming highways during the
7 registration year upon the verified affidavit by the owner
8 stating facts entitling him to relief;

9
10 (iii) Antique motor vehicles if registered
11 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-223;

12
13 (h) Any owner of a vehicle who wishes to donate money
14 to promote awareness and education efforts for procurement
15 of organ and tissue donations for anatomical gifts shall be
16 provided space on the registration form to do so pursuant
17 to W.S. ~~31-2-201(b)(v)~~31-2-222(a)(v). Any money received
18 under this subsection shall be forwarded by the county
19 treasurer to the state treasurer to be deposited into a
20 separate account to be used as provided by W.S. 35-5-118.

21
22 **31-3-102. Miscellaneous fees.**

23

(a) The following fees shall be collected for the instruments or privileges indicated:

(v) All ~~other~~ demo or manufacturer license plates.....\$ 25.00

(vi) Duplicate certificate of registration\$ 4.00

(A) New ~~or duplicate~~ license plates upon loss, mutilation or destruction of initial plates. \$ 8.00

(C) Duplicate license plates that have to be produced for prestige, specialty and preferred number series plates upon loss, mutilation or destruction of initial license plates.....\$ 30.00

(vii) Certificate of title, ~~including a nontransferable certificate for registration purposes under W.S. 31-2-102(a)(iii),~~ original or duplicate\$9.00

(xvi) Demonstration permit under W.S. ~~31-2-201(g)~~ 31-2-201(n)\$ 10.00

1 **31-3-103. Distribution of fees; refunds.**

2
3 (e) Fifty percent (50%) of the fees collected
4 pursuant to W.S. ~~31-3-102(a)(vi)(A) and (B)~~
5 31-3-102(a)(vi)(A) through (C) and (xii) shall be
6 distributed to the county general fund in the county where
7 the fees were collected.

8
9 (g) Fees collected by U-Drive-It ~~motor~~-vehicle or ~~car~~
10 rental ~~companies~~ vehicle agencies pursuant to W.S. 31-3-104
11 in excess of registration fees paid on trucks or passenger
12 vehicles in Wyoming shall be distributed as follows:

13
14 **31-3-104. Surcharge on rental and u-drive-it**
15 **vehicles.**

16
17 (a) Rental ~~companies~~ vehicle agencies engaged in the
18 business of renting ~~passenger~~ rental or U-Drive-It ~~motor~~
19 vehicles for periods of ~~twenty-nine (29)~~ thirty-one (31)
20 days or less shall collect, at the time the vehicle is
21 rented in Wyoming, a four percent (4%) surcharge on each
22 rental contract. For purposes of this section, a vehicle is
23 rented in Wyoming if possession is obtained by the renter
24 in Wyoming. The surcharge shall be computed on the total

1 dollar amount stated in the rental contract, except that
2 taxes imposed by chapters 15 and 16 of title 39 shall not
3 be used in computing the surcharge. The surcharge paid
4 under this section shall not be subject to the taxes
5 imposed by chapters 15 and 16 of title 39.

6
7 (b) The surcharge shall be noted in the rental
8 contract and collected in accordance with the terms of the
9 contract. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this
10 section, the surcharge shall be retained by the vehicle
11 owner or the rental ~~company~~vehicle agency engaged in the
12 business of renting ~~passenger~~rental or U-Drive-It ~~motor~~
13 vehicles as reimbursement for registration fees paid under
14 W.S. 31-3-101.

15
16 (c) On February 15 of each year, all rental ~~companies~~
17 vehicle agencies which collect surcharges pursuant to this
18 section shall file a report with the department stating the
19 total amount of registration fees paid in Wyoming on ~~its~~
20 ~~passenger~~their rental or U-Drive-It ~~motor~~ vehicles for the
21 preceding calendar year, the total amount of ~~passenger~~
22 rental or U-Drive-It ~~motor~~ vehicle rental revenues earned
23 ~~on rentals~~ in Wyoming for the preceding calendar year and
24 the amount by which the total amount of the surcharges

1 collected for the preceding calendar year exceeds the total
2 amount of Wyoming registration fees on ~~passenger~~rental or
3 U-Drive-It ~~motor~~ vehicles paid for the preceding calendar
4 year. All surcharge revenues collected in excess of the
5 total amount of Wyoming registration fees paid on ~~passenger~~
6 rental or U-Drive-It ~~motor~~ vehicles shall be remitted to
7 the department for distribution in accordance with W.S.
8 31-3-103. For a period of three (3) years after filing the
9 report required under this subsection:

10
11 (i) The rental ~~company~~vehicle agency shall
12 retain copies of rental contracts;

13
14 (ii) The department may require rental ~~companies~~
15 vehicle agencies to furnish copies of rental contracts for
16 purposes of ensuring compliance with this section.

17
18 (d) Any rental ~~company~~vehicle agency which makes a
19 false report to the department with the intent to
20 misrepresent the amount of registration fees paid on
21 ~~passenger~~rental or U-Drive-It ~~motor~~ vehicles or the amount
22 of surcharges collected is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
23 conviction is subject to a fine of not more than seven
24 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more

1 than six (6) months, or both. Each violation constitutes a
2 separate offense.

3
4 **31-4-101. General prohibitions.**

5
6 (a) No person shall knowingly operate, nor shall an
7 owner knowingly permit to be operated, upon any highway any
8 vehicle:

9
10 (i) Unless a valid certificate of title, ~~or~~
11 ~~nontransferable certificate under W.S. 31-2-102(a)(iii),~~
12 certificate of registration and license plates or temporary
13 permits have been issued for the vehicle except as
14 otherwise provided by this act;

15
16 (e) No person shall operate a vehicle in any manner
17 with an expired or improper registration, permit, decal or
18 any other department approved registration upon any highway
19 or other publicly maintained roadway in this state.

20
21 **31-18-201. Commercial vehicles; registration;**
22 **exemptions.**

1 (t) An owner of a commercial vehicle engaged in the
2 motion picture industry whose vehicle is properly
3 registered in another state and not entitled to the
4 registration or licensing exemption under W.S. ~~31-2-201(d)~~
5 31-2-224 or this section may, as an alternative to
6 registration or proportional registration and in lieu of
7 the fee required by W.S. 39-17-106(g) and 39-17-206(d),
8 apply to the department for a temporary permit to operate
9 the vehicle in Wyoming for ninety (90) days upon payment of
10 the appropriate fees prescribed in subsection (s) of this
11 section. As used in this subsection, "motion picture
12 industry" includes all filming in this state for commercial
13 purposes including advertising. Any person operating a
14 vehicle in Wyoming beyond the period authorized in the
15 temporary permit is subject to a civil penalty requiring
16 full registration of the vehicle in Wyoming for the
17 registration year in which the violation occurred and
18 payment of all fees required for registration.

19

20 **Section 3.** W.S. 31-2-208 through 31-2-210 are amended
21 and renumbered as 31-2-221 through 31-2-223 to read:

22

23 ~~31-2-208~~ 31-2-221. **Prestige license plates.**

24

1 Excluding dealer, antique, specialty, apportioned, publicly
2 owned vehicle and radio amateur license plates, upon
3 payment of the regular registration fees prescribed by W.S.
4 31-3-101 and a prestige license plate fee and application
5 to the department, the distinctive license plate number
6 assigned to a vehicle may consist of such combination of
7 alphabetical letters or arabic numerals not currently held
8 nor requested by any vehicle owner in the same county if
9 approved by the department. Application shall be made to
10 the department not later than sixty (60) days before the
11 first day of the annual registration month for the vehicle.
12 An owner having prestige license plates is entitled to the
13 first priority for similar plates upon timely and proper
14 application for license plates. A request for renewal of
15 the registration for the prestige license plate may be made
16 to a county treasurer for issuance of a renewal
17 registration and validation sticker.

18

19 ~~31-2-209~~ 31-2-222. **Radio amateur license plates.**

20

21 A resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle that is not
22 a commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle and who is
23 licensed by the federal communications commission to engage
24 in private and experimental two-way radio operation and

1 holding a bona fide novice class license or higher may
2 apply to the department for radio amateur license plates
3 for one (1) passenger car and one (1) pickup truck only
4 whereby the distinctive license plate number assigned to
5 the motor vehicles shall consist of the figures and letters
6 that make up the call sign of the radio amateur as issued
7 by the federal communications commission. Upon payment of
8 the additional radio amateur license plate fee the
9 department shall furnish radio amateur license plates of
10 such size and design as prescribed by the department to the
11 county treasurer of the county in which the approved
12 applicant resides. The county treasurer shall issue the
13 plates to the applicant upon payment of the regular
14 registration fees. A request for renewal of the
15 registration for the radio amateur license plate may be
16 made to a county treasurer for issuance of a renewal
17 registration and validation sticker. The department may
18 promulgate rules and regulations as provided by the Wyoming
19 Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of
20 this section.

21

22 ~~31-2-210~~ 31-2-223. **Antique motor vehicles.**

23

1 (a) Antique motor vehicles ~~shall~~may be registered
2 and licensed pursuant to this section.

3

4 (b) The owner of an antique motor vehicle shall
5 register the vehicle within ten (10) days from the date of
6 acquisition of the vehicle by submitting an application to
7 the department indicating:

8

9 (i) The owner has resided in Wyoming for at
10 least one (1) year;

11

12 (ii) The vehicle is owned and operated solely
13 for the purposes of organized antique car club activities,
14 parades, exhibitions, tours and other related activities
15 and will not be used for general transportation;

16

17 (iii) The vehicle is titled in Wyoming.

18

19 (c) Upon receipt of an approved application and
20 payment of fees the vehicle shall be registered and license
21 plates issued therefor. The registration expires upon
22 transfer of ownership of the vehicle. Notwithstanding W.S.
23 31-2-205(a)(i)(A), a license plate shall only be required
24 to be displayed on the rear of those antique motor vehicles

1 that were originally manufactured to have one (1) license
2 plate.

3

4 **Section 4.** W.S. 31-1-201(g), 31-2-102(a)(iv) and
5 (vi), 31-2-104(g), 31-2-107(c), 31-2-108(a),
6 31-2-201(a)(iv)(A) through (C) and (b) through (h),
7 31-2-206(b), (j) and (m), 31-3-101(a)(ii)(G) and (b)(xii)
8 and 31-3-102(a)(iv)(intro) and (xviii) are repealed.

9

Section 5. No vehicle, including a trailer, watercraft or snowmobile, previously not required to be titled under title 31 of the Wyoming statutes, shall be required to be titled under this act until such time as the owner of such vehicle transfers his right to the vehicle, at which time the owner and subsequent owners shall be required to comply with this act.

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18 **Section 6.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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20 (END)