

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0120

Tribal license plates.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Allen, Blake, Campbell,
Larsen and Miller and Senator(s) Case

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;
2 authorizing special license plates to be issued to enrolled
3 members of the Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe or the
4 Northern Arapaho Indian tribe; specifying requirements;
5 providing for termination of the issuance of the special
6 plates and report of the termination as specified; 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. 31-2-230 is created to read:

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13 **31-2-230. Tribal license plates.**

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1 (a) An enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Indian
2 tribe, upon proof of eligibility, may apply for distinctive
3 Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe license plates for any motor
4 vehicle owned or leased by the member that is not a
5 commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle upon
6 registration of the vehicle. The department, in
7 consultation with the business council of the Eastern
8 Shoshone Indian tribe, shall prescribe the design of the
9 Eastern Shoshone license plate, which shall include an
10 image of the bucking horse and rider, as described in W.S.
11 8-3-117, and need not include Arabic numerals for the
12 county. The design of the plate shall comply with any
13 applicable federal or state law.

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15 (b) An enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Indian
16 tribe, upon proof of eligibility, may apply for distinctive
17 Northern Arapaho Indian tribe license plates for any motor
18 vehicle owned or leased by the member that is not a
19 commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle upon
20 registration of the vehicle. The department, in
21 consultation with the business council of the Northern
22 Arapaho Indian tribe, shall prescribe the design of the
23 Northern Arapaho license plate, which shall include an

1 image of the bucking horse and rider, as described in W.S.
2 8-3-117, and need not include Arabic numerals for the
3 county. The design of the plate shall comply with any
4 applicable federal or state law.

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6 (c) The department shall arrange for production of
7 the license plates authorized by this section. The license
8 plates shall be issued by the county treasurer of each
9 county.

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11 (d) Application for license plates under this section
12 shall be made directly to the county treasurer at least
13 thirty (30) days before registration of the vehicle
14 expires. Application forms shall be available at all
15 county treasurer's offices. The fee required under W.S.
16 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany each application. No
17 license plate or renewal sticker shall be issued under this
18 section without proof that the applicant is an enrolled
19 member of the Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe or the Northern
20 Arapaho Indian tribe.

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22 (e) License plates issued under this section shall be
23 displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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2 (f) The department may prepare any special forms and
3 issue any rules and regulations necessary to carry out this
4 section.

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(g) Unless five hundred (500) sets of license plates are issued under this section before December 31, 2021, the plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from production and the department shall report the cessation of production to the legislature not later than January 15, 2022.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2016.

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15 (END)