

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0095

Heavy vehicle and commercial drivers' licenses.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Northrup, Greear, Jaggi,
Laursen, Lindholm and Sommers and Senator(s)
Christensen, Coe, Driskill, Hicks and Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising driver's
2 license classifications as specified; prohibiting operation
3 of large vehicles by minors as specified; amending
4 commercial drivers' license exemptions; making conforming
5 amendments; repealing heavy vehicle driver's license
6 classifications; granting rulemaking authority; 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. 31-7-109(d)(iii) and (h) by creating
12 a new paragraph (viii), 31-7-302(b)(intro) and
13 31-7-303(a)(intro), (i)(A) through (C) and by creating a
14 new subparagraph (D), (ii) and (iii) are amended to read:

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1 **31-7-109. Classes of licenses.**

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3 (d) Licensing classification plan:

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5 (iii) Class "C" consists of any single vehicle
6 or combination of vehicles, except motorcycles, that does
7 not ~~meet the definition of class "A" or class "B" vehicles~~
8 ~~under this subsection, but that is not designed to~~
9 ~~transport sixteen (16) or more passengers including the~~
10 ~~driver or is not placarded for transportation of hazardous~~
11 ~~materials~~ require a commercial driver's license. Any
12 person under the age of eighteen (18) is prohibited from
13 operating a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of
14 twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or more;

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16 (h) The following driver's license endorsements are
17 special authorizations permitting the driver to operate
18 certain types of motor vehicles or transport certain types
19 of cargo if the endorsement is displayed on the driver
20 license:

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22 (viii) "Z" authorizes the holder of a class C
23 license under subsection (d) of this section to operate a

1 vehicle or combination of vehicles which have a gross
2 vehicle weight rating of thirty-five thousand one (35,001)
3 pounds or more. An endorsement under this paragraph shall
4 be issued only if the driver, as required by rule and
5 regulation of the department, has completed testing, has
6 submitted an affidavit of competency signed by a person
7 currently licensed to operate a vehicle of this weight or
8 if the person held a class A or class B license under this
9 article prior to July 1, 2015.

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11 **31-7-302. Employer responsibilities.**

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13 (b) No employer may knowingly allow, permit or
14 authorize a driver to drive a commercial motor vehicle,
15 unless exempted pursuant to the terms of this chapter,
16 during any period in which the driver has:

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18 **31-7-303. Exemptions.**

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20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act,
21 the department shall by rule and regulation grant an
22 exemption from the licensing requirements of this article
23 or ~~with~~ from the requirements of any rule or regulation

1 adopted pursuant to ~~the licensing requirements of~~ this
2 article to a class of persons or class of commercial motor
3 vehicles exempted by the secretary of the United States
4 department of transportation pursuant to title 49 of the
5 United States Code including:

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7 (i) A farm or ranch vehicle when:

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9 (A) Controlled and operated by a farmer or
10 rancher, including operation by employees or family
11 members;

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13 (B) Used in agricultural operations as
14 defined in W.S. 31-18-801(a)(i) and used to transport
15 either agricultural products, farm or ranch machinery, farm
16 or ranch supplies, or any combination of these items, to or
17 from a farm or ranch; ~~and~~

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19 (C) Not used in the operations of a
20 contract or common motor carrier; ~~and~~ and

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22 (D) Used within a radius of one hundred
23 fifty (150) miles from the farm or ranch, including any

1 area within that perimeter that is in an adjoining state if
2 there is a reciprocity agreement with the adjoining state.

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4 (ii) ~~Firefighting equipment~~ Firefighters and
5 other persons who operate commercial motor vehicles which
6 are necessary to the preservation of life or property or
7 the execution of emergency governmental functions, are
8 equipped with audible and visual signals and are not
9 subject to normal traffic regulation. These vehicles
10 include fire trucks, hook and ladder trucks, foam or water
11 transport trucks, police special weapons and tactics team
12 vehicles, ambulances or other vehicles that are used in
13 response to emergencies;

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15 (iii) Individuals who operate commercial motor
16 vehicles for military ~~equipment operated by the department~~
17 ~~of defense, including the national guard, when operated by~~
18 ~~noncivilian personnel~~ purposes. This exception is
19 applicable to active duty military personnel, members of
20 the military reserves, members of the national guard on
21 active duty, including personnel on full-time national
22 guard duty, personnel on part-time national guard training,
23 civilian national guard military technicians who are

1 required to wear military uniforms and active duty United
2 States coast guard personnel.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-7-109(d)(i), (ii), (h)(ii), (iv)
5 and (vi) is repealed.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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9 (END)