

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 which shall comply with any applicable federal
12 or state law.

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

1 8-3-117, and which shall comply with any applicable federal
2 or state law.

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

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

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

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

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(g) Unless one hundred (100) 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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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2016.

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14 (END)