

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0009

Tribal license plates.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;
2 authorizing special Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe license
3 plates and Northern Arapaho Indian tribe license plates;
4 specifying requirements; authorizing a fee; providing for
5 termination of the issuance of the special plates as
6 specified; requiring a report upon termination; 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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15 (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in
16 Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply for distinctive

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

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13 (b) Any person required to register a vehicle in
14 Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply for distinctive
15 Northern Arapaho Indian tribe license plates for any motor
16 vehicle owned or leased by the applicant that is not a
17 commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle upon
18 registration of the vehicle. The department, in
19 consultation with the business council of the Northern
20 Arapaho Indian tribe, shall prescribe the design of the
21 Northern Arapaho license plate, which shall include an
22 image of the bucking horse and rider, as described in W.S.
23 8-3-117, and need not include Arabic numerals for the

1 county. The design of the plate shall comply with any
2 applicable federal 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) Upon payment by the applicant of a fee of seventy
10 dollars (\$70.00) established and assessed by the University
11 of Wyoming, the university shall issue a written statement
12 of eligibility for license plates under this section. Any
13 fees collected under this subsection shall be payable to
14 the University of Wyoming, shall be deposited in equal
15 amounts to the Chief Washakie memorial endowment fund and
16 the Northern Arapaho endowment fund and are continuously
17 appropriated for the purpose of funding scholarships for
18 students at the University of Wyoming.

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20 (e) Application shall be made at least thirty (30)
21 days before registration of the vehicle expires. Except as
22 provided in this section, application for, issuance and
23 renewal of license plates under this section shall be

1 subject to the same requirements and fees as provided in
2 this article. The fee required under W.S.
3 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany each application.".

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5 (f) License plates issued under this section shall be
6 displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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8 (g) The department may prepare any special forms and
9 issue any rules and regulations necessary to carry out this
10 section.

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12 (h) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license
13 plates are issued under this section before December 31,
14 2024, the plates authorized under this section shall be
15 eliminated from production and the department shall report
16 the cessation of production to the legislature not later
17 than January 15, 2025.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2017.

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21 (END)