SENATE FILE NO. SF0052

Special license plates-organ donations.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Schuler, Baldwin and Furphy and Representative(s) Banks and Newsome

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;
- 2 authorizing specially designated license plates to be
- 3 issued to increase awareness of organ, eyes and tissue
- 4 donation; specifying requirements; and providing for an
- 5 effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-233 is created to read:

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- 11 31-2-233. Organ, eyes and tissue donation license
- 12 plates.

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- 14 (a) Any person interested in increasing awareness of
- 15 organ, eyes and tissue donation to save and heal lives

1 through transplantation may apply for and be issued

2 distinctive license plates for any motor vehicle that is

3 not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or

4 leased by that person upon registration of the vehicle.

5 These license plates shall be displayed upon the vehicle

6 for which they are issued.

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8 Application for, issuance and renewal of the 9 organ, eyes and tissue donation license plates under this 10 section shall be subject to the same vehicle registration 11 requirements and fees as provided in this article 12 addition to the fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii). Application forms shall be available at 13 all county treasurer's offices and shall 14 include space on 15 application form to register as an anatomical gift donor 16 pursuant to W.S. 35-5-205(b) and to offer the option for 17 the applicant to donate one dollar (\$1.00) or more to promote awareness and education efforts for procurement of 18 19 organ, eyes and tissue anatomical gifts. Any monetary 20 donation received under this subsection shall be forwarded 21 by the county treasurer to the state treasurer to be 22 deposited into a separate account to be used as provided by 23 W.S. 35-5-225. The department may prepare any special

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- 1 forms and promulgate any rules necessary to carry out this
- 2 section.

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- 4 (c) The department shall arrange for production of
- 5 the license plates. The license plates shall bear a
- 6 distinctive symbol to raise awareness of organ, eyes and
- 7 tissue donation to save and heal lives through
- 8 transplantation. The special license plates shall be the
- 9 same size and color as regular motor vehicle license plates
- 10 and need not include Arabic numerals for the county but
- 11 shall be designed so as to indicate the motor vehicle
- 12 owner's support for organ, eyes and tissue donation to save
- 13 and heal lives through transplantation.

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- 15 (d) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license
- 16 plates are issued under this section before December 31,
- 17 2031, the plates authorized under this section shall be
- 18 eliminated from production and not later than January 15,
- 19 2033 the department shall report the cessation of
- 20 production to the joint transportation, highways and

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21 military affairs interim committee.

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23 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-5-225 is amended to read:

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2 35-5-225. Promotion of anatomical gifts.

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4 Any money received from donations by owners of vehicles

5 under W.S. <u>31-2-233(b)</u> or 31-3-101(h) shall be deposited

6 into a separate anatomical awareness account to be used by

7 the department of health and its advisory council to

8 promote general public awareness and education for the

9 procurement of organ and tissue donations for anatomical

10 gifts pursuant to this act.

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12 Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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14 (END)

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