

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0154

Permanent vehicle registration.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Banks, Andrew, Berger,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the
2 permanent registration of specified vehicles; providing a
3 fee exemption for permanently registered vehicles;
4 specifying requirements upon transfer of ownership; and
5 providing for an 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. 31-2-201(a)(i), 31-2-204(b),
10 31-2-206(a) and by creating new subsections (n) through
11 (q), 31-2-213(b) and 31-2-214(a)(intro) and by creating a
12 new subsection (e) are amended to read:

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14 **31-2-201. Registration required; timelines.**

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1 (a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-224 and
2 subsection (q) of this section, every owner, or if
3 applicable, operator or lessee, of a vehicle which will be
4 operated or driven upon any highway in Wyoming, shall be
5 required to obtain registration at the following times:

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7 (i) Annually not later than the last day of the
8 annual registration month unless registering permanently
9 under W.S. 31-2-206(n) through (q). Applications may be by
10 mail;

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12 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**
13 **and license plates by county; form.**

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15 (b) Except as otherwise provided, license plates
16 shall be of metal not less than twelve (12) inches long in
17 the left-hand end of which shall be arabic numerals for the
18 county in which issued, followed by the bucking horse and
19 rider emblem and a distinctive number assigned to the
20 vehicle, set forth in numerals and letters as determined by
21 the department and above or underneath such numerals shall
22 be the word "Wyoming" and arabic numerals for the year of
23 issue or validation. License plates issued to dealers and

1 for state or federal official forestry vehicles,
2 motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles, permanently registered
3 vehicles and trailers shall contain appropriate
4 identification which may be in lieu of the bucking horse
5 and rider emblem. After the county number on the left-hand
6 end, the license plate may also contain a distinctive
7 symbol or letters, as determined by the department,
8 indicating vehicle type. License plates shall be changed
9 or validated annually. There shall be a marked contrast
10 between the color of the plate and that of the numerals and
11 letters and the background of all plates shall be fully
12 reflectorized. Plates for light utility trailers under one
13 thousand (1,000) pounds, motorcycles and multipurpose
14 vehicles shall not be less than three (3) inches wide and
15 six (6) inches long. Antique license plates shall bear no
16 date and shall bear the inscription "Pioneer Wyo". License
17 plates for permanent registration shall bear no date, shall
18 bear the inscription "Permanent" and the department shall
19 prescribe the design of the permanent registration license
20 plate. Distinctive license farm stickers shall be issued by
21 the county treasurer upon request for trucks and trailers
22 used by any farmer or rancher for the transportation of
23 livestock, feed or unprocessed agricultural products owned

1 and produced by the farmer or rancher from the place of
2 production to market and of ranch supplies intended solely
3 for the use of the farmer or rancher, and not for sale, on
4 the return trip, and not for the transportation of goods
5 and persons for hire. Farm stickers shall bear the
6 inscription "Farm".

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8 **31-2-206. Annual renewal; delivery of license plates**
9 **and stickers; staggered registration; permanent vehicle**
10 **registration.**

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12 (a) Except as otherwise provided vehicle
13 registrations expire on the last day of the annual
14 registration month. Renewals are effective for one (1) year
15 beginning the first day of the month following the annual
16 registration month. The initial registration for a vehicle
17 in this state expires on the last day of the annual
18 registration month in the following year. Except as
19 provided in ~~subsection~~subsections (h) and (n) through (q)
20 of this section, nothing in this section prohibits an owner
21 from registering a vehicle for more than twelve (12) but
22 less than twenty-four (24) months.

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1 (n) The owner of a vehicle required to be registered
2 under W.S. 31-2-201(a) may permanently register the vehicle
3 without further renewal upon payment of the fees required
4 by subsection (o) of this section, provided the vehicle:

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6 (i) Is not a commercial vehicle; and

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8 (ii) Is in its twentieth year of service or
9 later.

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11 (o) Upon payment of the fees specified in this
12 subsection the department shall issue a distinctive license
13 plate indicating the permanent registration of a vehicle
14 qualifying for permanent registration under subsection (n)
15 of this section. After payment of the fees under this
16 subsection, the owner of a vehicle qualifying for permanent
17 registration under subsection (n) of this section is not
18 subject to renewal or the payment of additional
19 registration fees for as long as the owner owns the
20 vehicle. The fees for permanent registration are:

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1 (i) A permanent registration state
2 administration fee in the amount of eighty-seven dollars
3 and fifty cents (\$87.50); and

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5 (ii) An amount equal to five (5) times the
6 applicable fee due under W.S. 31-3-101(a) plus any donation
7 amounts under W.S. 31-3-101(h) or (j). Any donated amount
8 shall not be subject to the requirement to pay five (5)
9 times the applicable amount.

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11 (p) The owner of a vehicle that is permanently
12 registered under subsection (n) of this section shall
13 display the permanent registration license plates in
14 accordance with W.S. 31-2-205 only on the permanently
15 registered vehicle for which the plate was issued.

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17 (q) The permanent registration of a vehicle under
18 subsection (n) of this section shall not be transferred to
19 a new owner. Upon transfer of a vehicle that was
20 permanently registered under subsection (n) of this section
21 to a new owner, the new owner shall be subject to all
22 applicable title, registration and license fees under title

1 31, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2 and chapter 3 of the
2 Wyoming statutes for the vehicle.

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4 **31-2-213. Department to supply registration**
5 **certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield**
6 **placards.**

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8 (b) The department may issue license plates, except
9 dealer, permanent and antique motor vehicle license plates,
10 which shall be valid for not more than eight (8) years if
11 annual validation stickers are attached in the upper left
12 corner of the license plate with the month and year of
13 expiration clearly visible. Department authorized license
14 plates and annual stickers shall be of colors that are
15 readily distinguishable from the previous year.

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17 **31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.**

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19 (a) Except as provided by subsections (b) through ~~(d)~~
20 (e) of this section, upon transfer of ownership of a
21 vehicle the registration of the vehicle expires and the
22 original owner shall immediately remove the license plates
23 from the vehicle and the permanent license plates shall not

1 be transferred to another vehicle. Within sixty (60) days
2 after acquiring another vehicle for which the license
3 plates would be proper, the original owner may file an
4 application for the transfer of the license registration
5 number to a vehicle acquired by him accompanied by the fees
6 based on the amount which would be due on a new
7 registration as of the date of transfer less any credit for
8 the unused portion of the original registration fees for
9 the original vehicle for the assignment of the plates to
10 the recently acquired vehicle subject to the following:

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12 (e) Upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle that was
13 permanently registered under W.S. 31-2-206(n), the
14 permanent registration of that vehicle expires and the
15 original owner shall immediately remove the license plates
16 from that vehicle and the permanent license plates shall
17 not be transferred to another vehicle. If the original
18 owner acquires another vehicle subject to registration fees
19 under W.S. 31-2-201, the original owner shall not receive
20 any credit for the previous registration under W.S.
21 31-2-206(n).

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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