

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0154

Permanent vehicle registration.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Banks, Andrew, Berger,
Byron, Pendergraft, Slagle, Styvar and
Tarver and Senator(s) Biteman and Ide

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), 31-2-206(a) and by
10 creating new subsections (n) through (q) and
11 31-2-214(a)(intro) and by creating a new subsection (e) are
12 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 or, if applicable and if the
9 owner chooses, permanently under W.S. 31-2-206(n) through
10 (q). Applications may be by mail;

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12 **31-2-206. Annual renewal; delivery of license plates**
13 **and stickers; staggered registration; permanent vehicle**
14 **registration.**

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16 (a) Except as otherwise provided vehicle
17 registrations expire on the last day of the annual
18 registration month. Renewals are effective for one (1) year
19 beginning the first day of the month following the annual
20 registration month. The initial registration for a vehicle
21 in this state expires on the last day of the annual
22 registration month in the following year. Except as
23 provided in ~~subsection~~subsections (h) and (n) through (q)

1 of this section, nothing in this section prohibits an owner
2 from registering a vehicle for more than twelve (12) but
3 less than twenty-four (24) months.

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

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10 (i) Is not a commercial vehicle; and

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12 (ii) Is in its eleventh year of service or
13 later.

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15 (o) Upon payment of the fees specified in this
16 subsection the department shall issue a distinctive license
17 plate indicating the permanent registration of a vehicle
18 qualifying for permanent registration under subsection (n)
19 of this section. After payment of the fees under this
20 subsection, the owner of a vehicle qualifying for permanent
21 registration under subsection (n) of this section is not
22 subject to renewal or the payment of additional

1 registration fees for as long as the owner owns the
2 vehicle. The fees for permanent registration are:

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

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

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

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20 (q) The permanent registration of a vehicle under
21 subsection (n) of this section shall not be transferred to
22 a new owner. Upon transfer of a vehicle that was
23 permanently registered under subsection (n) of this section

1 to a new owner, the new owner shall be subject to all
2 applicable title, registration and license fees under title
3 31, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2 and chapter 3 of the
4 Wyoming statutes for the vehicle.

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6 **31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.**

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8 (a) Except as provided by subsections (b) through ~~(d)~~
9 (e) of this section, upon transfer of ownership of a
10 vehicle the registration of the vehicle expires and the
11 original owner shall immediately remove the license plates
12 from the vehicle. Within sixty (60) days after acquiring
13 another vehicle for which the license plates would be
14 proper, the original owner may file an application for the
15 transfer of the license registration number to a vehicle
16 acquired by him accompanied by the fees based on the amount
17 which would be due on a new registration as of the date of
18 transfer less any credit for the unused portion of the
19 original registration fees for the original vehicle for the
20 assignment of the plates to the recently acquired vehicle
21 subject to the following:

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1 (e) Upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle that was
2 permanently registered under W.S. 31-2-206(n), the
3 permanent registration of that vehicle expires and the
4 original owner shall immediately remove the license plates
5 from that vehicle. If the original owner acquires another
6 vehicle subject to registration fees under W.S. 31-2-201,
7 the original owner shall not receive any credit for the
8 previous registration under W.S. 31-2-206(n).

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

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