

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0214

Trailer permanent registration-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Tarver and Crago and
Senator(s) Barlow

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; repealing weight
2 limitations on permanent registrations of a trailer;
3 providing for the permanent registration of trailers that
4 qualify as commercial vehicles as specified; providing a
5 fee exemption for permanently registered trailers as
6 specified; making conforming amendments; and providing for
7 an effective date.

8

9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

10

11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-206(n)(intro), 31-2-214(e),
12 31-3-101(g)(v), 31-3-103(m) and 31-18-201 by creating new
13 subsections (aa) through (dd) are amended to read:

14

1 **31-2-206. Annual renewal; delivery of license plates**
2 **and stickers; staggered registration; permanent**
3 **registration of trailers.**

4
5 (n) Except for a trailer that is mobile equipment,
6 the owner of a trailer as defined in W.S.
7 31-1-101(a)(xxiii) and subject to the provisions of
8 ~~paragraphs (i) and~~ paragraph (iii) of this subsection may
9 permanently register the trailer upon payment of a fee in
10 the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) at the
11 time of initial registration. Alternatively, the owner may
12 permanently register the trailer by paying the fees under
13 subsection (o) of this section, provided the trailer:

14

15 **31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.**

16

17 (e) Upon transfer of ownership of a trailer that had
18 been permanently registered under W.S. 31-2-206(n) or
19 31-18-201(aa) the permanent registration of that trailer
20 expires and the original owner shall immediately remove the
21 license plate from that trailer. If within sixty (60) days
22 after the transfer of ownership the original owner acquires
23 another trailer for which the permanent license plate would

1 be proper, the original owner may file an application for
2 the transfer of the license registration number to the
3 newly acquired trailer and the license plate may be
4 transferred by the original owner to the original owner's
5 newly acquired trailer. The original owner is not subject
6 to additional registration fees for the transfer of the
7 license registration number under this subsection.

8

9 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

10

11 (g) Owners of the following vehicles are exempt from
12 the payment of fees provided by subsections (a) and (b) of
13 this section:

14

15 (v) Trailers if permanently registered pursuant
16 to W.S. 31-2-206(n) through (q) or 31-18-201(aa) through
17 (dd).

18

19 **31-3-103. Distribution of fees; refunds.**

20

21 (m) Fifty percent (50%) of the permanent registration
22 fee collected under W.S. 31-2-206(n) or 31-18-201(aa) shall
23 be distributed by county treasurers in the same proportion

1 and manner as property taxes are distributed. The remaining
2 fifty percent (50%) of the permanent registration fee
3 collected under W.S. 31-2-206(n) or 31-18-201(aa) shall be
4 distributed to the highway fund.

5

6 **31-18-201. Commercial vehicles; registration;**
7 **exemptions; permanent registration of trailers.**

8

9 (aa) Except for a trailer that is mobile equipment or
10 a power unit, the owner of a trailer as defined in W.S.
11 31-1-101(a)(xxiii) that qualifies as a commercial vehicle
12 as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(i) and is otherwise subject
13 to the provisions of W.S. 31-18-401 may instead permanently
14 register the trailer upon payment of a fee in the amount of
15 three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) at the time of
16 initial registration. Alternatively, the owner may
17 permanently register the trailer by paying the fees under
18 subsection (bb) of this section.

19

20 (bb) Upon payment of the fees specified in subsection
21 (aa) of this section or this subsection the department
22 shall issue a distinctive license plate indicating the
23 permanent registration of the trailer. After payment of the

1 fees under subsection (aa) of this section or this
2 subsection, the owner of a trailer that is permanently
3 registered under subsection (aa) of this section is not
4 subject to additional registration fees for as long as the
5 owner owns the trailer. If the one-time fee in the amount
6 of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) is not paid, the
7 fees for permanent registration of a trailer under
8 subsection (aa) of this section are:

9
10 (i) A permanent registration state
11 administration fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
12 and

13
14 (ii) An amount equal to five (5) times the
15 applicable fees under W.S. 31-3-101(a) plus any donation
16 amounts under W.S. 31-3-101(h) or (j). Any donated amount
17 shall not be subject to the requirement to pay five (5)
18 times the applicable amount.

19
20 (cc) The owner of a trailer that is permanently
21 registered under subsection (aa) of this section shall
22 display the permanent registration license plate in
23 accordance with W.S. 31-2-205 only on the permanently

1 registered trailer for which the plate was issued, except
2 when transferred pursuant to W.S. 31-2-214(e).

3

4 (dd) The permanent registration of a trailer under
5 subsection (aa) of this section shall not be transferred to
6 a new owner. Upon transfer of a trailer that had been
7 permanently registered under subsection (aa) of this
8 section to a new owner, the new owner shall be subject to
9 all applicable title, registration and license fees under
10 title 31, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2, chapter 3 and
11 chapter 18, articles 2 and 4 of Wyoming statutes as
12 applicable for the trailer.

13

14 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-206(n)(i) is repealed.

15

16 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

17

18

(END)