

ENROLLED ACT NO. 34, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the permanent registration of specified trailers; providing a fee exemption for permanently registered trailers; specifying requirements upon transfer of ownership; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-206(a) and by creating new subsections (n) through (q), 31-2-213(b), 31-2-214(a)(intro) and by creating a new subsection (e), 31-3-101(g) by creating a new paragraph (v) and 31-3-103 by creating a new subsection (m) are amended to read:

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

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

(n) Except for a trailer that is mobile equipment, the owner of a trailer as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii) and subject to the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (iii) of this subsection may permanently register the trailer upon payment of a fee in the amount of

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three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) at the time of initial registration. Alternatively, the owner may permanently register the trailer by paying the fees under subsection (o) of this section, provided the trailer:

(i) Is within the weight limits of W.S. 31-3-101(a)(ii)(E)(I);

(ii) Is not less than six (6) years old; and

(iii) Is subject to registration fees under W.S. 31-2-201.

(o) Upon payment of the fees specified in subsection (n) of this section or this subsection the department shall issue a distinctive license plate indicating the permanent registration of the trailer. After payment of the fees under subsection (n) of this section or this subsection, the owner of a trailer that is permanently registered under subsection (n) of this section is not subject to additional registration fees for as long as the owner owns the trailer. If the one-time fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) is not paid, the fees for permanent registration of a trailer under subsection (n) of this section are:

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

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

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(p) The owner of a trailer that is permanently registered under subsection (n) of this section shall display the permanent registration license plate in accordance with W.S. 31-2-205 only on the permanently registered trailer for which the plate was issued, except when transferred pursuant to W.S. 31-2-214(e).

(q) The permanent registration of a trailer under subsection (n) of this section shall not be transferred to a new owner. Upon transfer of a trailer that had been permanently registered under subsection (n) of this section to a new owner, the new owner shall be subject to all applicable title, registration and license fees under title 31, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2 and chapter 3 of Wyoming statutes for the trailer.

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

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

31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.

(a) Except as provided by subsections (b) through ~~(d)~~ (e) of this section, upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle the registration of the vehicle expires and the

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original owner shall immediately remove the license plates from the vehicle. Within sixty (60) days after acquiring another vehicle for which the license plates would be proper, the original owner may file an application for the transfer of the license registration number to a vehicle acquired by him accompanied by the fees based on the amount which would be due on a new registration as of the date of transfer less any credit for the unused portion of the original registration fees for the original vehicle for the assignment of the plates to the recently acquired vehicle subject to the following:

(e) Upon transfer of ownership of a trailer that had been permanently registered under W.S. 31-2-206(n) the permanent registration of that trailer expires and the original owner shall immediately remove the license plate from that trailer. If within sixty (60) days after the transfer of ownership the original owner acquires another trailer for which the permanent license plate would be proper, the original owner may file an application for the transfer of the license registration number to the newly acquired trailer and the license plate may be transferred by the original owner to the original owner's newly acquired trailer. The original owner is not subject to additional registration fees for the transfer of the license registration number under this subsection.

31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.

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

(v) Trailers if permanently registered pursuant to W.S. 31-2-206(n) through (q).

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

(m) Fifty percent (50%) of the permanent registration fee collected under W.S. 31-2-206(n) shall be distributed by county treasurers in the same proportion and manner as property taxes are distributed. The remaining fifty percent (50%) of the permanent registration fee collected under W.S. 31-2-206(n) shall be distributed to the highway fund.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk