

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0136

Wyoming veterans' affairs commission.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lockhart, Edwards,
 Illoway, Robinson, Tipton and Walsh and
 Senator(s) Roberts

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming veterans' affairs
 2 commission; amending the name of the commission to the
 3 Wyoming veterans' commission; conforming the name of the
 4 veterans' affairs commission expendable trust fund;
 5 conforming other provisions; and providing for an effective
 6 date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-107(a), 19-14-108(a),
 11 31-2-204(b), 31-2-215(d), 31-2-216(h) and 31-2-217(h) are
 12 amended to read:

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14 **19-14-107. Creation of veterans' commission;**
 15 **composition; terms.**

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1 (a) A Wyoming veterans' ~~affairs~~-commission is created
2 within the military department consisting of twelve (12)
3 members, not less than one (1) of whom shall reside in each
4 judicial district identified in W.S. 5-3-101, appointed by
5 the governor for terms of two (2) years. Appointments shall
6 be made without regard to political affiliation, sex,
7 religion or ethnic background. The governor may remove any
8 member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. A chairman shall be
9 elected by the commission from among its members and a new
10 chairman elected every two (2) years thereafter.

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12 **19-14-108. Veterans' cemetery; acquisition and**
13 **maintenance; eligibility for burial.**

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15 (a) Military department, with the approval of the
16 veterans' ~~affairs~~-commission, may acquire a site in this
17 state to be used to establish a cemetery for the interment
18 of veterans of the United States armed forces and for
19 qualified family members of eligible veterans. The approval
20 of the local governing body of the county in which the
21 proposed site is located shall be obtained prior to any
22 acquisition of land for this purpose. The department, with
23 the approval of the commission, is empowered to receive any
24 lands granted to the state or any of its political

1 subdivisions. All military cemeteries currently owned by
2 the state of Wyoming shall be operated and controlled by
3 the military department.

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5 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**
6 **and license plates by county; form.**

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8 (b) Except as otherwise provided, license plates
9 shall be of metal not less than twelve (12) inches long in
10 the left-hand end of which shall be arabic numerals for the
11 county in which issued, followed by the bucking horse and
12 rider emblem and a distinctive number assigned to the
13 vehicle, set forth in numerals and letters as determined by
14 the department and above or underneath such numerals shall
15 be the word "Wyoming" and arabic numerals for the year of
16 issue or validation. License plates issued to dealers and
17 for trailers shall contain appropriate identification which
18 may be in lieu of the bucking horse and rider emblem.
19 License plates shall be changed or validated annually.
20 There shall be a marked contrast between the color of the
21 plate and that of the numerals and letters and the
22 background of all plates shall be fully reflectorized.
23 Motorcycle plates shall not be less than three (3) inches
24 wide and six (6) inches long. Antique license plates shall

1 bear no date and shall bear the inscription "Pioneer Wyo".
2 License stickers for trucks and trailers used by any farmer
3 or rancher for the transportation of livestock, feed or
4 unprocessed agricultural products owned and produced by the
5 farmer or rancher from the place of production to market
6 and of ranch supplies intended solely for the use of the
7 farmer or rancher, and not for sale, on the return trip,
8 and not for the transportation of goods and persons for
9 hire shall bear the inscription "Farm". Upon application to
10 the department and payment of a fee as provided by W.S.
11 31-3-102(a)(xix), veteran license stickers bearing the
12 inscription "Veteran" and designating the conflict service
13 of the veteran may be issued to the veterans' ~~affairs~~
14 commission in a format approved by the department. The
15 veterans' ~~affairs~~-commission may sell the veteran license
16 sticker to qualified veterans at a fee not to exceed cost,
17 plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per vehicle. Any fees collected
18 by the veterans' ~~affairs~~-commission under this subsection
19 shall be deposited in the veterans' ~~affairs~~-commission
20 expendable trust fund. The veterans' ~~affairs~~-commission
21 shall establish eligibility criteria for veterans applying
22 for a veteran license sticker. A qualified veteran
23 purchasing a veteran license sticker manufactured by the
24 department and sold by the veterans' ~~affairs~~-commission may

1 display the sticker on the license plate issued by the
2 county treasurer. The provisions of W.S. 31-2-205(a)(iv)
3 shall not apply to any veteran license sticker manufactured
4 by the department and displayed as provided in this
5 section.

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7 **31-2-215. Disabled veteran's license plates.**

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9 (d) A veteran who qualifies for a special license
10 plate under this section may apply to the veterans' ~~affairs~~
11 commission for a veteran license sticker authorized under
12 W.S. 31-2-204(b) for each vehicle owned and registered
13 under the name of the veteran. Upon verification by the
14 Wyoming veterans' ~~affairs~~ commission that the veteran was
15 honorably discharged from service and specifying the
16 conflict service of the veteran and payment of the fee
17 established by the commission, the commission shall issue
18 the veteran license sticker for each vehicle for which the
19 veteran has paid the fee established by the commission.

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21 **31-2-216. Special plates; former prisoners of war.**

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23 (h) A veteran who qualifies for a special license
24 plate under this section may apply to the veterans' ~~affairs~~

1 commission for a veteran license sticker authorized under
2 W.S 31-2-204(b) for each vehicle owned and registered under
3 the name of the veteran. Upon verification by the Wyoming
4 veterans' ~~affairs~~ commission that the veteran was honorably
5 discharged from service and specifying the conflict service
6 of the veteran and payment of the fee established by the
7 commission, the commission shall issue the veteran license
8 sticker for each vehicle for which the veteran has paid the
9 fee established by the commission.

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11 **31-2-217. Special plates; Pearl Harbor survivors;**
12 **national guard members; purple heart recipients.**

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14 (h) A veteran who qualifies for a special license
15 plate under this section may apply to the veterans' ~~affairs~~
16 commission for a veteran license sticker authorized under
17 W.S 31-2-204(b) for each vehicle owned and registered under
18 the name of the veteran. Upon verification by the Wyoming
19 veterans' ~~affairs~~ commission that the veteran was honorably
20 discharged from service and specifying the conflict service
21 of the veteran and payment of the fee established by the
22 commission, the commission shall issue the veteran license
23 sticker for each vehicle for which the veteran has paid the
24 fee established by the commission.

