HOUSE BILL NO. HB0013

Multipurpose vehicles.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for issuance of titles for and registration of multipurpose vehicles, as specified; amending definitions; providing a definition of multipurpose vehicle; providing for registration fees and display of licenses for multipurpose and other vehicles; prescribing equipment for multipurpose vehicles; revising license plate requirements, as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(intro), (F), (J) and by creating a new subparagraph (M), 31-2-204(a) and (b), 31-2-205(a)(i)(A), 31-2-801(d), 31-3-101(a)(ii)(D) and (F), 31-5-102(a)(xxiv) and (lviii) and by creating a new paragraph (lxiii), 31-5-124 by creating a new subsection

(b), 31-5-901(c), 31-5-912, 31-5-913(a), 31-5-914, 31-5-915(a), 31-5-950(e), 31-5-952(e), 31-5-953(c), 31-5-954(a), 31-5-955(b), 31-5-956(h), 31-5-962 by creating a new subsection (n), 31-7-102(a) by creating a new paragraph (xlvii) and by renumbering (xlvii) as (xlviii) and 31-7-109(f) are amended to read:

31-1-101. Definitions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this act:

(xv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human power or motorized skateboards. The term includes the following vehicles as hereafter defined:

(E) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground but which may have attached thereto a sidecar for the purpose of transporting a single passenger. For the purpose of registration and titling "motorcycle" includes motorized bicycles and scooters, but

excludes mopeds, motorized skateboards, multipurpose vehicles and off-road recreational vehicles as defined in subparagraph (K) of this paragraph; ~~. A recreational vehicle primarily designed for off road use which is fifty (50) inches or less in width, has an unladen weight of nine hundred (900) pounds or less, has four (4) low pressure tires as defined by subparagraph (K) of this paragraph, is designed to be ridden astride a seat or saddle, and is not a golf cart may be registered and titled under this act and is deemed to be:~~

(F) "Passenger car" means a motor vehicle designed to carry ten (10) persons or less and primarily used to transport persons, including ambulances and hearses but excluding motorcycles, motor homes, multipurpose vehicles and school buses;

(J) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property, including pickup trucks but excluding multipurpose vehicles;

(M) "Multipurpose vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed to travel on at least four (4)

wheels in contact with the ground, has an unladen weight of at least three hundred (300) pounds but less than three thousand (3,000) pounds, has a permanent upright seat or saddle for the driver which is mounted at least twenty-four (24) inches from the ground and has an identifying number. "Multipurpose vehicle" includes off-road recreational vehicles, electric powered vehicles, golf carts when being used other than as provided in W.S. 31-5-102(a)(lxi)(E) and any motor vehicle meeting the criteria of this subparagraph and not otherwise defined in this section.

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

(a) Upon receipt of an approved application and payment of fees the county treasurer shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration conforming with the facts set forth in the application together with one (1) license plate or validation sticker for motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles, trailers, including house trailers, and vehicles operated with dealer license plates and two (2) license plates or proper validation stickers for any other vehicle.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, license plates shall be of metal not less than twelve (12) inches long in the left-hand end of which shall be arabic numerals for the county in which issued, followed by the bucking horse and rider emblem and a distinctive number assigned to the vehicle, set forth in numerals and letters as determined by the department and above or underneath such numerals shall be the word "Wyoming" and arabic numerals for the year of issue or validation. License plates issued to dealers and for state or federal official forestry vehicles, motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles and trailers shall contain appropriate identification which may be in lieu of the bucking horse and rider emblem. License plates shall be changed or validated annually. There shall be a marked contrast between the color of the plate and that of the numerals and letters and the background of all plates shall be fully reflectorized. ~~Motorcycle~~ Plates for light utility trailers under one thousand (1,000) pounds, motorcycles and multipurpose vehicles shall not be less than three (3) inches wide and six (6) inches long. Antique license plates shall bear no date and shall bear the inscription "Pioneer Wyo". License stickers for trucks and trailers used by any farmer or rancher for the transportation of livestock, feed or unprocessed agricultural products owned and produced by

the farmer or rancher from the place of production to market and of ranch supplies intended solely for the use of the farmer or rancher, and not for sale, on the return trip, and not for the transportation of goods and persons for hire shall bear the inscription "Farm". Upon application to the department and payment of a fee as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(xix), veteran license stickers bearing the inscription "Veteran" and designating the conflict service of the veteran may be issued to the veterans' commission in a format approved by the department. The veterans' commission may sell the veteran license sticker to qualified veterans at a fee not to exceed cost, plus ten dollars ($10.00) per vehicle. Any fees collected by the veterans' commission under this subsection shall be deposited in the veterans' commission expendable trust fund. The veterans' commission shall establish eligibility criteria for veterans applying for a veteran license sticker. A qualified veteran purchasing a veteran license sticker manufactured by the department and sold by the veterans' commission may display the sticker on the license plate issued by the county treasurer. The provisions of W.S. 31-2-205(a)(iv) shall not apply to any veteran license sticker manufactured by the department and displayed as provided in this section.

31-2-205. Display of license plates.

(a) License plates for vehicles shall be:

(i) Conspicuously displayed and securely fastened to be plainly visible:

(A) One (1) on the front of the vehicle, excluding motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles, trailers (including house trailers) and vehicles operated with demo, full use or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to W.S. 31-16-125;

31-2-801. Perfection of a security interest in a vehicle or motor vehicle.

(d) The term "vehicle or motor vehicle required to be licensed" and the words "vehicle" and "motor vehicle" as used in this section means and includes all vehicles, motor vehicles, house trailers, trailers, semitrailers, motor coaches, trailer coaches, trucks, motorcycles, multipurpose vehicles and mobile homes required by the motor vehicle laws of the state of Wyoming to have a certificate of title

or required to be registered or licensed under the laws of this state and includes off-road recreational vehicles for which a certificate of title has been issued under the laws of this state.

31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, the following fees shall accompany each application for the registration of a vehicle:

(ii) A state registration fee computed as follows:

(D) Motorcycles and multipurpose vehicles $12.00

(F) Commercial vehicles, except passenger cars, school buses, house trailers, multipurpose vehicles and motorcycles for which the fees shall be computed based on gross vehicle weight pursuant to W.S. 31-18-401;

31-5-102. Definitions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this act:

(xxiv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human power~~,~~ and motorized skateboards ~~and golf carts~~ as defined by paragraph ~~(a)(lxi)~~ (a)(lxii) of this section;

(lviii) "Vehicle" means every device, in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks; ~~and except golf carts as defined by paragraph (a)(lxi) of this section;~~

(lxiii) "Multipurpose vehicle" means as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(M).

31-5-124. Off-road recreational vehicles; multipurpose vehicles; limitation on use; equipment.

(b) Multipurpose vehicles may be operated on public streets or highways, subject to the following:

(i) Multipurpose vehicles shall not be operated on interstate highways;

(ii) If a multipurpose vehicle is incapable of achieving the maximum speed allowed on the specific highway, it shall be operated on the extreme right hand edge of the roadway and shall be equipped with either a reflectorized flag as described in W.S. 31-5-960(a)(vi) or a slow moving vehicle emblem as described in W.S. 31-5-921(h);

(iii) Multipurpose vehicles designed for operation at speeds less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem as described in W.S. 31-5-921(h).

31-5-901. General requirements; applicability of provisions.

(c) The provisions of W.S. 31-5-901 through 31-5-970 and regulations of the superintendent with respect to equipment required on vehicles shall not apply to vehicles moved solely by human power, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, mopeds, multipurpose vehicles, implements of

husbandry, highway construction machinery or farm tractors except as specifically made applicable.

31-5-912. Head lamps.

(a) A motor vehicle, including a multipurpose vehicle which is greater than fifty (50) inches in width, shall be equipped with at least two (2) head lamps with at least one (1) on each side of the front of the motor vehicle, which head lamps comply with the regulations of the superintendent.

(b) A motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, multipurpose vehicle which is fifty (50) inches or less in width or moped shall be equipped with at least one (1) head lamp which shall comply with the regulations of the superintendent.

31-5-913. Tail lamps.

(a) A motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which is greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or any other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles, shall

be equipped with at least two (2) tail lamps mounted on the rear, which shall comply with the regulations of the superintendent. The superintendent may by regulation allow one (1) tail lamp on any vehicle equipped with only one (1) when it was made. A motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, multipurpose vehicle which is fifty (50) inches or less in width or moped shall be equipped with at least one (1) tail lamp which shall comply with the regulations of the superintendent.

31-5-914. Rear reflectors.

Every motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which is greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles shall carry on the rear, either as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two (2) or more red reflectors complying with the regulations of the superintendent. Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose vehicles which are fifty (50) inches or less in width or mopeds shall carry on the rear at least one (1) red reflector complying with the regulations of the superintendent.

31-5-915. Stop lamps; electric turn signal lamps.

(a) Every motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which is greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles shall be equipped with two (2) or more stop lamps complying with the regulations of the superintendent. Every motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, multipurpose vehicle which is fifty (50) inches or less in width or moped shall be equipped with at least one (1) stop lamp complying with the regulations of the superintendent. The superintendent may by regulation allow one (1) stop lamp on any vehicle equipped with only one (1) when it was made.

31-5-950. General braking requirements.

(e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds unless specifically excluded.

31-5-952. Horns and warning devices.

(e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds.

31-5-953. Mufflers.

(c) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds.

31-5-954. Mirrors.

(a) On or before January 1, 1986, every motor vehicle including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds shall be equipped with a mirror mounted on the left side of the vehicle and so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the vehicle.

31-5-955. Windshields and wipers.

(b) The windshield on every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield, which device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle. This subsection shall apply to

multipurpose vehicles as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(M) when equipped with a windshield and an enclosed cab.

31-5-956. Tires; restriction of travel under hazardous conditions.

(h) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose vehicles and mopeds.

31-5-962. Sunscreening devices.

(n) This section shall apply to multipurpose vehicles as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(M) when equipped with a windshield and an enclosed cab;

31-7-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xlvii) "Multipurpose vehicle" means as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(M).

~~(xlvii)~~ (xlviii) "This act" means W.S. 31-7-101 through 31-7-313.

31-7-109. Classes of licenses.

(f) Any person licensed to drive any class of vehicle pursuant to this section may also drive a moped, multipurpose vehicle or an off-road recreational vehicle as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K), upon public streets or highways pursuant to W.S. 31-5-124.

Section 2. W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(I) and (II) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

(END)