

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0128

Tribal license plates.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Allen and Blake and  
Senator(s) Case

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; authorizing  
2 special Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe license plates and  
3 Northern Arapaho Indian tribe license plates; establishing  
4 a fee; eliminating production of the plates as specified;  
5 requiring a report upon cessation of production; and  
6 providing for an effective 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. 31-2-230 is created to read:

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12 **31-2-230. Tribal license plates.**

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14 (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in  
15 Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply for distinctive

1 Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe license plates for any motor  
2 vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose  
3 vehicle owned or leased by the applicant upon registration  
4 of the vehicle. The department, in consultation with the  
5 business council of the Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe,  
6 shall prescribe the design of the Eastern Shoshone license  
7 plate, which shall include an image of the bucking horse  
8 and rider as described in W.S. 8-3-117, and need not  
9 include Arabic numerals for the county. The design of the  
10 plate shall comply with any applicable federal or state  
11 law.

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13 (b) Any person required to register a vehicle in  
14 Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply for distinctive  
15 Northern Arapaho Indian tribe license plates for any motor  
16 vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose  
17 vehicle owned or leased by the applicant upon registration  
18 of the vehicle. The department, in consultation with the  
19 business council of the Northern Arapaho Indian tribe,  
20 shall prescribe the design of the Northern Arapaho license  
21 plate, which shall include an image of the bucking horse  
22 and rider as described in W.S. 8-3-117, and need not  
23 include Arabic numerals for the county. The design of the

1 plate shall comply with any applicable federal or state  
2 law.

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4 (c) The department shall arrange for production of  
5 the license plates authorized by this section. The county  
6 treasurer of each county shall issue the license plates.

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8 (d) The applicant shall pay an application fee of  
9 seventy dollars (\$70.00) to the University of Wyoming,  
10 whereupon the university shall issue a written statement of  
11 eligibility for license plates under this section. Any fees  
12 collected under this subsection shall be deposited in equal  
13 amounts to the Chief Washakie memorial endowment fund and  
14 the Northern Arapaho endowment fund and are continuously  
15 appropriated for the purpose of funding scholarships for  
16 students at the University of Wyoming.

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18 (e) Applicants shall apply at least thirty (30) days  
19 before registration is required for the vehicle for which  
20 the plates are intended. Except as provided in this  
21 section, application for, issuance and renewal of license  
22 plates under this section shall be subject to the same  
23 requirements and fees as provided in this article in

1 addition to the application fee in subsection (d). The  
2 license plate fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii)  
3 shall accompany each application.

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5 (f) License plates issued under this section shall be  
6 displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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8 (g) The department may prepare any special forms and  
9 issue any rules and regulations necessary to carry out this  
10 section.

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12 (h) Unless five hundred (500) sets of license plates  
13 are issued under this section before December 31, 2025, the  
14 plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated  
15 from production, and the department shall report the  
16 cessation of production to the legislature not later than  
17 January 15, 2027.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2018.

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