

**Bill No.:** HB0275 **Effective:** Multiple Dates

**LSO No.:** 17LSO-0501

**Enrolled Act No.:** HEA No. 0065

**Chapter No.:** [Chapter Number\_RO]

**Prime Sponsor:** Eklund

**Catch Title:** Driver's licenses-revisions.

**Subject:** Providing exemptions from motor vehicle requirements.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- Under current state laws and regulations, individuals may operate a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 39,001 pounds or more by obtaining a "Z" license endorsement. Current law further exempts farmers, ranchers and their employees from certain commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements when operating a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight up to 55,000 pounds.
- The bill authorizes, to the extent authorized by federal laws and federal regulations, exempted drivers and classes of drivers to operate a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 39,001 or more without obtaining "Z" license endorsement. These exempted drivers are as follows:
  - Individuals operating a farm or ranch vehicle when controlled and operated by a farmer, rancher or their employees and family and used in agricultural operations;
  - Individuals operating a firefighting or other emergency response vehicle; and
  - Individuals who operate commercial motor vehicles for military purposes.
- This bill also raises the gross vehicle weight from 55,000 pounds to 80,000 pounds, of vehicles which are exempted from certain commercial vehicle requirements under Title 31, Chapter 18 of Wyoming Statutes when operated by farmers, ranchers and their employees.

**Comments:**

- The portion of the bill requiring rules by the Department of Transportation is effective immediately in order to allow the rules to be promulgated by July 1, 2017. The remainder of the bill is effective July 1, 2017.

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