

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0039

Wildlife conservation license plates.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Blake, Allen, Brown, Crank, Gierau, Haley and Pelkey and Senator(s) Emerich and Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;
2 authorizing wildlife conservation license plates;
3 specifying requirements; authorizing a fee; creating an
4 account; providing for termination of the issuance of the
5 plates as specified; requiring a report upon termination;
6 authorizing rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 31-2-231 is created to read:

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12 **31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates;**
13 **wildlife conservation account.**

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1 (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in
2 Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply to the
3 department for a statement of eligibility for wildlife
4 conservation license plates for any motor vehicle that is
5 not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or
6 leased by that person upon registration of the vehicle.
7 Upon payment by the applicant of a fee of one hundred
8 dollars (\$100.00) to the department, the department shall
9 issue a written statement of eligibility for wildlife
10 conservation license plates.

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12 (b) The fee collected under subsection (a) of this
13 section shall be payable to the department and shall be
14 accounted for separately. The fee collected shall be
15 distributed to the wildlife conservation account within the
16 state highway fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the
17 wildlife conservation account shall only be used to provide
18 for wildlife conservation efforts related to the
19 transportation system, including signage, wildlife
20 corridors, wildlife crossings and game fences.

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22 (c) Applicants shall apply at least thirty (30) days
23 before registration is required for the vehicle for which

1 the plates are intended. Except as provided in this
2 section, application for, issuance and renewal of the
3 wildlife conservation license plates under this section
4 shall be subject to the same requirements and fees as
5 provided in this article in addition to the fee collected
6 under subsection (a) of this section. The license plate fee
7 required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany each
8 application. The license plates under this section shall be
9 issued by the county treasurer of each county and shall be
10 displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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12 (d) The department shall prescribe the design of the
13 wildlife conservation license plates authorized by this
14 section in consultation with the public and other
15 interested parties, which shall include an image of the
16 bucking horse and rider described in W.S. 8-3-117. License
17 plates authorized by this section need not include Arabic
18 numerals designating the county. The department shall
19 arrange for production of the license plates. Following
20 initial approval, wildlife conservation license plates
21 shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all
22 license plates beginning with the year 2025 reissuance.

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1 (e) The department may prepare any special forms and
2 promulgate any rules necessary to carry out this section.

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4 (f) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license
5 plates are issued under this section before December 31,
6 2023, the plates authorized under this section shall be
7 eliminated from production and the department shall report
8 the cessation of production to the legislature not later
9 than January 15, 2025.

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11 **Section 2.** The department of transportation shall
12 prescribe the design of the wildlife conservation license
13 plates authorized by this act and promulgate any rules
14 necessary to implement this act on or before January 1,
15 2019.

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17 **Section 3.**

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19 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
20 section, this act is effective January 1, 2019.

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1 (b) Section 2 of this act is effective immediately
2 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become
3 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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