

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0020

Driver's license requirements-visual acuity.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending the driver's
2 license requirement to demonstrate visual acuity; requiring
3 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-7-110(b), 31-7-114(a) and
8 31-7-119(b) and (g) are amended to read:

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10 **31-7-110. Instruction and temporary driver's permits.**

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12 (b) Any person at least fifteen (15) years of age may
13 apply to the division for a motorcycle instruction permit.
14 The division, after the applicant has successfully passed a
15 written examination and ~~a vision test~~ has demonstrated

1 adequate visual acuity according to department rules, may
2 issue to the applicant an instruction permit ~~which~~that
3 entitles the applicant to drive a motorcycle for a period
4 of ninety (90) days without a passenger. If the applicant
5 also passes a driving test, the division may issue an
6 instruction permit ~~which~~that entitles the applicant to
7 drive a motorcycle for a period of one (1) year, without a
8 passenger. The motorcycle instruction permit for a person
9 who is under seventeen (17) years of age shall be subject
10 to restricted hours of operation as provided in W.S.
11 31-7-110(h)(ii)(B) through (E).

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13 **31-7-114. Examinations; visual acuity.**

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15 (a) The division shall examine every applicant for a
16 driver's license and instructional permit and shall require
17 each applicant to demonstrate adequate visual acuity
18 according to department rules. The division's examination
19 shall include a test of the applicant's ~~eyesight,~~his
20 ability to read and understand official traffic control
21 devices,~~his~~ and the applicant's knowledge of safe driving
22 practices, and the traffic laws of the state. ~~and~~The
23 examination may also include an actual demonstration of

1 ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the
2 operation of a motor vehicle of the type or class of
3 vehicles to be driven.

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5 **31-7-119. Expiration and renewal; required tests;**
6 **extension.**

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8 (b) The division shall require every person applying
9 for renewal of a driver's license to ~~take and successfully~~
10 ~~pass a test of his eyesight~~ demonstrate adequate visual
11 acuity according to department rules. The division may
12 require any applicant to take and successfully pass any
13 additional tests or provide affidavits required or
14 authorized under the original application as the division
15 finds reasonably necessary to determine ~~his~~ the applicant's
16 qualification according to the type or class of license.
17 The written test for a hazardous materials endorsement
18 shall be taken and passed if the person wants to retain an
19 "H" endorsement unless the applicant's written test results
20 are less than two (2) years old.

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22 (g) The division shall send a notification for
23 license extension pursuant to subsection (f) of this

1 section to the last known address of an eligible licensee,
2 or notify by electronic means if the eligible licensee has
3 consented to receive notices electronically, within one
4 hundred twenty (120) days prior to license expiration. The
5 license extension application shall be returned to the
6 division with a postmark at least thirty (30) days before
7 the license expiration date or, if the eligible licensee
8 has consented to receive notices electronically, by
9 electronic means at least thirty (30) days before the
10 license expiration date. The application shall be
11 accompanied by written evidence that the ~~applicant's visual~~
12 ~~acuity is 20/40 or better with or without corrective~~
13 ~~lenses, as tested within one (1) year prior to submitting~~
14 ~~the application~~ applicant has demonstrated adequate visual
15 acuity according to department rules. Upon receipt of a
16 completed application and the fee prescribed by W.S.
17 31-7-113(a)(v), the division shall issue a license
18 extension to eligible licensees. The division shall provide
19 a summary of changes in the law relating to motor vehicles
20 to licensees who receive a license extension.

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