

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0086

Off-road recreational vehicles registration authorized.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Newsome, Henderson,
MacGuire, Roscoe, Sweeney and Winter and
Senator(s) Kost and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the
2 licensing and registration of specified off-road vehicles;
3 amending vehicle equipment requirements as specified;
4 amending limitations on the use of specified off-road
5 recreational vehicles on public roadways; making conforming
6 amendments; and 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. 31-2-232 is created to read:

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12 **31-2-232. Specified off-road vehicle licensing and**
13 **registration.**

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1 (a) Off-road recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.
2 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) may be registered and licensed
3 pursuant to this section.

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5 (b) Before the owner of an off-road recreational
6 vehicle as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) may
7 operate the vehicle upon any public road, except pursuant
8 to W.S. 31-5-1601(a) through (c), the owner shall register
9 the vehicle by submitting an application to the county
10 treasurer indicating:

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12 (i) The owner wishes to operate the vehicle upon
13 public roadways in Wyoming;

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15 (ii) The vehicle is owned and operated primarily
16 for the purposes of off-road recreational use or other
17 related activities and will not be used primarily for
18 general transportation upon public roadways;

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20 (iii) The vehicle is titled in Wyoming;

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22 (iv) The applicant has certified on a form
23 created by the department that the vehicle has the

1 equipment required by W.S. 31-5-912(b), 31-5-913(a) and
2 (b), 31-5-914, 31-5-915(a), 31-5-917, 31-5-952, 31-5-953,
3 31-5-954(a), 31-5-956 and 31-5-1601(a)(iv) and (v)(B).

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5 (c) Upon receipt of an approved application and
6 payment of fees the county treasurer shall issue to the
7 applicant a certificate of registration together with one
8 (1) license plate or validation sticker. The registration
9 fee for off-road recreational vehicles shall be the same
10 rate as for motorcycles. The registration expires upon
11 transfer of ownership of the vehicle. License plates on the
12 off-road recreational vehicle shall be displayed in
13 accordance with W.S. 31-2-205.

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15 **Section** 2. W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II),
16 31-2-205(a)(i)(A) by creating a new subdivision (IX),
17 31-2-224(b), 31-5-124(a)(ii), by creating a new paragraph
18 (iii) and by creating a new subsection (c), 31-5-901(c),
19 31-5-912(b), 31-5-913(a), 31-5-914, 31-5-915(a),
20 31-5-952(e), 31-5-953(c), 31-5-954(a), 31-5-956(h) and
21 31-5-1601 by creating new subsections (d) and (e) are
22 amended to read:

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1 **31-1-101. Definitions.**

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

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

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11 (K) "Off-road recreational vehicle" means:

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13 (II) Any ~~unlicensed~~ motorcycle ~~which~~
14 not required by law to be licensed that has an unladen
15 weight of six hundred (600) pounds or less, ~~and~~ is designed
16 to be ridden off-road with the operator astride upon a seat
17 or saddle and travels on two (2) tires; and

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19 **31-2-205. Display of license plates.**

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21 (a) License plates for vehicles shall be:

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

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4 (A) One (1) on the front of the vehicle,
5 excluding the following:

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7 (IX) Off-road recreational vehicles as
8 defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered
9 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232.

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11 **31-2-224. Registration exemptions.**

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13 (b) Off-road recreational vehicles ~~shall~~are not
14 required to be registered. Off-road recreational vehicles
15 as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) shall be
16 registered as provided by W.S. 31-2-232 if they are to be
17 operated on public roadways.

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19 **31-5-124. Off-road recreational vehicles;**
20 **multipurpose vehicles; limitation on use; equipment.**

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1 (a) No person shall operate an off-road recreational
2 vehicle as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K) upon public
3 streets or highways except:

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5 (ii) For operation of a vehicle in accordance
6 with the provisions of W.S. 31-5-1601~~i~~;

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8 (iii) For off-road recreational vehicles as
9 defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered
10 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232.

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12 (c) Off-road recreational vehicles shall not be
13 operated on interstate highways.

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15 **31-5-901. General requirements; applicability of**
16 **provisions.**

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18 (c) The provisions of W.S. 31-5-901 through 31-5-970
19 and regulations of the superintendent with respect to
20 equipment required on vehicles shall not apply to vehicles
21 moved solely by human power, motorcycles, autocycles,
22 motor-driven cycles, mopeds, electric bicycles,
23 multipurpose vehicles, off-road recreational vehicles as

1 defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II), implements of
2 husbandry, highway construction machinery or farm tractors
3 except as specifically made applicable.

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5 **31-5-912. Head lamps.**

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7 (b) A motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, multipurpose
8 vehicle which is fifty (50) inches or less in width, ~~or~~
9 moped or off-road recreational vehicle as defined by W.S.
10 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that is registered pursuant to W.S.
11 31-2-232 shall be equipped with at least one (1) head lamp
12 which shall comply with the regulations of the
13 superintendent.

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15 **31-5-913. Tail lamps.**

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17 (a) A motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which is
18 greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer,
19 semitrailer, pole trailer or any other vehicle which is
20 being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles, shall
21 be equipped with at least two (2) tail lamps mounted on the
22 rear, which shall comply with the regulations of the
23 superintendent. The superintendent may by regulation allow

1 one (1) tail lamp on any vehicle equipped with only one (1)
2 when it was made. A motorcycle, motor-driven cycle,
3 multipurpose vehicle which is fifty (50) inches or less in
4 width, autocycle, ~~or~~-moped or off-road recreational vehicle
5 as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that is
6 registered pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232 shall be equipped with
7 at least one (1) tail lamp which shall comply with the
8 regulations of the superintendent.

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10 **31-5-914. Rear reflectors.**

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12 Every motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which is greater
13 than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer, semitrailer, pole
14 trailer or other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of
15 a combination of vehicles shall carry on the rear, either
16 as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two (2) or more
17 red reflectors complying with the regulations of the
18 superintendent. Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles,
19 multipurpose vehicles which are fifty (50) inches or less
20 in width, autocycles, ~~or~~-mopeds or off-road recreational
21 vehicles as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are
22 registered pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232 shall carry on the

1 rear at least one (1) red reflector complying with the
2 regulations of the superintendent.

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4 **31-5-915. Stop lamps; electric turn signal lamps.**

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6 (a) Every motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which
7 is greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer,
8 semitrailer, pole trailer or other vehicle which is being
9 drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles shall be
10 equipped with two (2) or more stop lamps complying with the
11 regulations of the superintendent. Every motorcycle,
12 motor-driven cycle, multipurpose vehicle which is fifty
13 (50) inches or less in width, autocycle, ~~or~~ moped or
14 off-road recreational vehicle as defined by W.S.
15 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that is registered pursuant to W.S.
16 31-2-232 shall be equipped with at least one (1) stop lamp
17 complying with the regulations of the superintendent. The
18 superintendent may by regulation allow one (1) stop lamp on
19 any vehicle equipped with only one (1) when it was made.

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21 **31-5-952. Horns and warning devices.**

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1 (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
2 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, ~~and~~ mopeds and off-road
3 recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.
4 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to W.S.
5 31-2-232.

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7 **31-5-953. Mufflers.**

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9 (c) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
10 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, ~~and~~ mopeds and off-road
11 recreational vehicle as defined by W.S.
12 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that is registered pursuant to W.S.
13 31-2-232.

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15 **31-5-954. Mirrors.**

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17 (a) On or before January 1, 1986, every motor vehicle
18 including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose
19 vehicles, ~~and~~ mopeds and off-road recreational vehicles as
20 defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered
21 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232 shall be equipped with a mirror
22 mounted on the left side of the vehicle and so located as

1 to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear
2 of the vehicle.

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4 **31-5-956. Tires; restriction of travel under**
5 **hazardous conditions; penalties.**

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7 (h) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
8 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, ~~and~~ mopeds and off-road
9 recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.
10 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to W.S.
11 31-2-232.

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13 **31-5-1601. Operation on highways.**

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15 (d) Off-road recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.
16 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to W.S.
17 31-2-232 may be operated upon any open public road
18 rights-of-way, streets, roads or highways within Wyoming,
19 notwithstanding the designation of the public road
20 right-of-way, street, road or highway as a Wyoming
21 off-road recreational vehicle trail pursuant to W.S.
22 31-2-701 through 31-2-707.

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1 (e) Off-road recreational vehicles shall not be
2 operated on interstate highways.

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4 **Section 3.** The department of transportation shall
5 create or utilize an existing certification form to provide
6 to applicants in order to certify the equipment
7 requirements imposed by this act.

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9 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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