

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0020

ENROLLED ACT NO. 20, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(b) Any person at least fifteen (15) years of age may apply to the division for a motorcycle instruction permit. The division, after the applicant has successfully passed a written examination and a vision test has demonstrated adequate visual acuity according to department rules, may issue to the applicant an instruction permit ~~which~~that entitles the applicant to drive a motorcycle for a period of ninety (90) days without a passenger. If the applicant also passes a driving test, the division may issue an instruction permit ~~which~~that entitles the applicant to drive a motorcycle for a period of one (1) year, without a passenger. The motorcycle instruction permit for a person who is under seventeen (17) years of age shall be subject to restricted hours of operation as provided in W.S. 31-7-110(h)(ii)(B) through (E).

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

(a) The division shall examine every applicant for a driver's license and instructional permit and shall require each applicant to demonstrate adequate visual acuity according to department rules. The division's examination shall include a test of the applicant's ~~eyesight, his~~

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ability to read and understand official traffic control devices, ~~his~~ and the applicant's knowledge of safe driving practices, and the traffic laws of the state. ~~and~~ The examination may also include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle of the type or class of vehicles to be driven.

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

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

(g) The division shall send a notification for license extension pursuant to subsection (f) of this section to the last known address of an eligible licensee, or notify by electronic means if the eligible licensee has consented to receive notices electronically, within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to license expiration. The license extension application shall be returned to the division with a postmark at least thirty (30) days before the license expiration date or, if the eligible licensee has consented to receive notices electronically, by

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electronic means at least thirty (30) days before the license expiration date. The application shall be accompanied by written evidence that the ~~applicant's visual acuity is 20/40 or better with or without corrective lenses, as tested within one (1) year prior to submitting the application~~ applicant has demonstrated adequate visual acuity according to department rules. Upon receipt of a completed application and the fee prescribed by W.S. 31-7-113(a)(v), the division shall issue a license extension to eligible licensees. The division shall provide a summary of changes in the law relating to motor vehicles to licensees who receive a license extension.

**Section 2.** Not later than July 1, 2021, the department of transportation shall promulgate rules to accomplish the purposes of this act.

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**Section 3.**

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

(b) Section 1 of this act is effective July 1, 2021.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk