

## 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) 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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