

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0025

Tribal vehicle registration exemption implementation.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending the process for
2 the tribal member vehicle registration fee exemption; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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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. 31-3-101(b)(xiv) is amended to read:

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9 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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11 (b) The fees prescribed by subsection (a) of this
12 section are modified for owners of the following vehicles:

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14 (xiv) From and after January 1, 1993, vehicles
15 owned and primarily operated by an enrolled member of the
16 Eastern Shoshone or Northern Arapaho Indian tribe who

1 resides within the exterior boundaries of the state of
2 Wyoming on the Wind River Indian Reservation or on other
3 Indian country as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1151 are exempt
4 from fees provided by paragraph (a)(i) of this section. ~~In~~
5 ~~order~~—To receive the exemption, at the time of first
6 registering the vehicle for which the owner qualifies for
7 the exemption under this paragraph, the claimant shall file
8 a sworn claim with the county treasurer ~~at the time of~~
9 ~~registration~~—indicating the claimant's right to the
10 exemption. If the claimant ceases to be an enrolled tribal
11 member or ceases to reside within an area under this
12 paragraph that creates the claimant's right to the
13 exemption under this paragraph, the claimant shall pay fees
14 as required under paragraph (a)(i) of this section
15 beginning when the vehicle's annual registration is next
16 due following the change in eligibility. County treasurers
17 shall file notice of the exemptions granted and revenue
18 lost and may be reimbursed by the state treasurer for all
19 or a portion of revenue lost from funds appropriated for
20 that purpose, in the same manner and subject to the same
21 time limitation as provided for veteran exemptions under
22 W.S. 39-13-102(k). The department, in consultation with the
23 state treasurer, shall prescribe forms and procedures

1 necessary to implement this paragraph. A vehicle
2 registration issued under this paragraph shall indicate
3 that the claimant received the exemption and shall include
4 the text, "IF A CLAIMANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS TRIBAL
5 MEMBER RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION CHANGES, THE CLAIMANT SHALL
6 NOTIFY THE COUNTY TREASURER WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF THE
7 CHANGE." When an annual registration for a vehicle
8 registered under this section is due to be renewed the
9 county treasurer shall notify a claimant of the duty to
10 inform the county treasurer if the claimant is no longer
11 eligible for this exemption;

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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