

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) and by creating a new
18 paragraph (iii), 31-5-901(c), 31-5-912(b), 31-5-913(a),
19 31-5-914, 31-5-915(a), 31-5-952(e), 31-5-953(c),
20 31-5-954(a), 31-5-956(h) and 31-5-1601 by creating a new
21 subsection (d) are amended to read:

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23 **31-1-101. Definitions.**

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

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

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

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

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18 **31-2-205. Display of license plates.**

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20 (a) License plates for vehicles shall be:

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22 (i) Conspicuously displayed and securely
23 fastened to be plainly visible:

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2 (A) One (1) on the front of the vehicle,
3 excluding the following:

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

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9 **31-2-224. Registration exemptions.**

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

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17 **31-5-124. Off-road recreational vehicles;**
18 **multipurpose vehicles; limitation on use; equipment.**

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

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

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

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8 **31-5-901. General requirements; applicability of**
9 **provisions.**

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11 (c) The provisions of W.S. 31-5-901 through 31-5-970
12 and regulations of the superintendent with respect to
13 equipment required on vehicles shall not apply to vehicles
14 moved solely by human power, motorcycles, autocycles,
15 motor-driven cycles, mopeds, electric bicycles,
16 multipurpose vehicles, off-road recreational vehicles as
17 defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II), implements of
18 husbandry, highway construction machinery or farm tractors
19 except as specifically made applicable.

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21 **31-5-912. Head lamps.**

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

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9 **31-5-913. Tail lamps.**

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

1 at least one (1) tail lamp which shall comply with the
2 regulations of the superintendent.

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4 **31-5-914. Rear reflectors.**

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

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20 **31-5-915. Stop lamps; electric turn signal lamps.**

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22 (a) Every motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which
23 is greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer,

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

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14 **31-5-952. Horns and warning devices.**

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16 (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
17 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, ~~and~~ mopeds and off-road
18 recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.
19 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to W.S.
20 31-2-232.

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22 **31-5-953. Mufflers.**

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

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7 **31-5-954. Mirrors.**

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9 (a) On or before January 1, 1986, every motor vehicle
10 including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose
11 vehicles, ~~and~~ mopeds and off-road recreational vehicles as
12 defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered
13 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232 shall be equipped with a mirror
14 mounted on the left side of the vehicle and so located as
15 to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear
16 of the vehicle.

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18 **31-5-956. Tires; restriction of travel under**
19 **hazardous conditions; penalties.**

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21 (h) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
22 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, ~~and~~ mopeds and off-road
23 recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.

1 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to W.S.
2 31-2-232.

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4 **31-5-1601. Operation on highways.**

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6 (d) Off-road recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.
7 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to W.S.
8 31-2-232 may be operated upon any open public road
9 rights-of-way, streets, roads or highways within Wyoming,
10 notwithstanding the designation of the public road
11 right-of-way, street, road or highway as a Wyoming
12 off-road recreational vehicle trail pursuant to W.S.
13 31-2-701 through 31-2-707.

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15 **Section 3.** The department of transportation shall
16 create or utilize an existing certification form to provide
17 to applicants in order to certify the equipment
18 requirements imposed by this act.

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

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