

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0042

Off-road recreational vehicle operation.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; specifying requirements
2 for operating an off-road recreational vehicle near an
3 interstate; and 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. 31-5-124(c) and 31-5-1601(c) and (e)
8 are amended to read:

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10 **31-5-124. Off-road recreational vehicles;**
11 **multipurpose vehicles; limitation on use; equipment.**

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13 (c) Off-road recreational vehicles shall not be
14 operated on the roadway or right-of-way of an interstate

1 ~~highways~~ highway except in accordance with W.S.
2 31-5-1601(e).

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

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6 (c) As used in this section, "public road
7 right-of-way" means the entire right-of-way of a street,
8 road or highway within Wyoming, including the traveled
9 portions, banks, ditches, shoulders and medians of a
10 street, road or highway except as provided in subsection
11 (e) of this section.

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13 (e) Off-road recreational vehicles as defined in W.S.
14 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K) shall not be operated on the roadway or
15 right-of-way of an interstate ~~highways~~ highway except as
16 authorized by department rules and except that an off-road
17 recreational vehicle under this subsection:

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19 (i) May be operated in the right-of-way adjacent
20 to the interstate roadway on a trail where there is a
21 physical barrier between the trail and the interstate
22 highway and the trail is designated, marked or signed as a
23 Wyoming off-road recreational vehicle trail pursuant to

1 W.S. 31-2-701 through 31-2-707, provided the off-road
2 recreational vehicle:

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4 (A) Is operated by a person with a valid
5 driver's license for the type or class of vehicle being
6 operated;

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8 (B) Displays a license plate pursuant to
9 W.S. 31-2-232 or an off-road recreational vehicle decal
10 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-702 through 31-2-704.

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12 (ii) May be operated on separate grade
13 crossings, over or under the interstate roadway, marked or
14 signed as a Wyoming off-road recreational vehicle trail
15 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-701 through 31-2-707, provided the
16 off-road recreational vehicle:

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18 (A) Is operated by a person with a valid
19 driver's license for the type or class of vehicle being
20 operated;

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1 (B) Displays a license pursuant to W.S.
2 31-2-232 or an off-road recreational vehicle decal pursuant
3 to W.S. 31-2-702 through 31-2-704.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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