

SENATE FILE NO. SF0017

Off-road recreational vehicles-safety and insurance.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring specified
2 insurance and safety equipment for off-road recreational
3 vehicles when operated on a public road right-of-way,
4 street, road or highway; providing an exception; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-952(e), 31-5-953(c), 31-5-954(a)
10 and 31-5-1601(a)(i), (iv) and by creating a new paragraph
11 (vi) are amended to read:

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13 **31-5-952. Horns and warning devices.**

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1 (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
2 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, mopeds and off-road
3 recreational vehicles as defined by W.S.
4 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to W.S.
5 31-2-232 and off-road recreational vehicles as defined by
6 W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K) that are operated pursuant to W.S.
7 31-5-1601.

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9 **31-5-953. Mufflers.**

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11 (c) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
12 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, mopeds and off-road
13 recreational ~~vehiele~~vehicles as defined by W.S.
14 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that ~~is~~are registered pursuant to
15 W.S. 31-2-232 and off-road recreational vehicles as defined
16 by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K) that are operated pursuant to
17 W.S. 31-5-1601.

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19 **31-5-954. Mirrors.**

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21 (a) ~~On or before January 1, 1986,~~ Every motor vehicle
22 including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose
23 vehicles, mopeds and off-road recreational vehicles as

1 defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered
2 pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232 and off-road recreational
3 vehicles as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K) that are
4 operated pursuant to W.S. 31-5-1601 shall be equipped with
5 a mirror mounted on the left side of the vehicle and so
6 located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway
7 to the rear of the vehicle.

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9 **31-5-1601. Operation on highways.**

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11 (a) An off-road recreational vehicle may be operated
12 upon any public road rights-of-way, streets, roads or
13 highways within Wyoming subject to the following
14 conditions:

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16 (i) Off-road recreational vehicles may be
17 operated on main-traveled roadways only upon that portion
18 of a public road right-of-way, street, road or highway
19 designated open by the state, local or federal agency with
20 jurisdiction over the roadway and designated a Wyoming
21 off-road recreational vehicle trail pursuant to W.S.
22 31-2-701 through 31-2-707 by the department of state parks
23 and cultural resources. No portion of a public road

1 right-of-way, street, road or highway shall be designated
2 as a Wyoming off-road recreational vehicle trail by the
3 department without the consent of the state, local or
4 federal agency with jurisdiction over the roadway.
5 Off-road recreational vehicles operated upon roadways
6 designated as trails shall be subject ~~only~~ to the user
7 registration fee prescribed by W.S. 31-2-703 and proof of
8 liability insurance with limits not less than twenty-five
9 thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) and shall not be deemed a
10 motorcycle as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(I) and
11 31-5-102(a)(xxii). Nothing in this paragraph shall be
12 deemed to authorize the department to acquire or expand any
13 public road right-of-way in order to accommodate the
14 operation of off-road recreational vehicles;

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16 (iv) The off-road recreational vehicle shall be
17 equipped with an adequate braking device that may be
18 operated either by hand or foot, a horn pursuant to W.S.
19 31-5-952(a), a muffler pursuant to W.S. 31-5-953(c) and a
20 mirror pursuant to W.S. 31-5-954(a); and

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22 (vi) This section does not apply to off-road
23 recreational vehicles operated on public road

1 rights-of-way, streets or highways for agricultural
2 operations pursuant to W.S. 31-5-124(a)(i).

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

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