

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0120

Traffic stops-probable cause.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn, Allemand, Andrew, Berger, Haroldson, Provenza and Ward and Senator(s) Case, Driskill and McKeown

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; prohibiting law  
2 enforcement officers from requesting that vehicle occupants  
3 exit vehicles as specified; providing exceptions; and  
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1215 is created to read:

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10 **31-5-1215. Peace officer protocol for traffic stops.**

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12 (a) A peace officer, as defined by W.S.  
13 7-2-101(a)(iv), shall not request that the driver or  
14 occupant of a vehicle exit the vehicle during a traffic  
15 stop unless:

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2           (i) The peace officer has probable cause to  
3 believe that the driver or occupant of the vehicle is  
4 committing, or fleeing the scene of, a crime that is  
5 punishable by imprisonment or that the driver or occupant  
6 may be arrested pursuant to W.S. 7-20-102;

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8           (ii) The peace officer has been notified of a  
9 search warrant for the vehicle or that a warrant has been  
10 issued for the arrest of the driver or occupant of the  
11 vehicle;

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13           (iii) The peace officer has been notified that  
14 the driver or occupant of the vehicle has committed a crime  
15 outside the state pursuant to the requirements of W.S.  
16 7-3-214; or

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18           (iv) The driver or occupant of the vehicle is in  
19 immediate danger of bodily harm if they remain in the  
20 vehicle.

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22           (b) If a peace officer violates this section, any  
23 evidence of a crime discovered pursuant to the violation

1 shall be suppressed in any subsequent criminal proceeding  
2 against the driver or occupant of the vehicle.

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

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