

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; and providing for an effective
5 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) and (iv) are amended to read:

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12 **31-5-952. Horns and warning devices.**

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14 (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
15 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, mopeds and off-road

1 recreational vehicles ~~as defined by W.S.~~
2 ~~31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered~~ operated
3 pursuant to W.S. ~~31-2-232~~ 31-5-1601.

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

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7 (c) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
8 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, mopeds and off-road
9 recreational ~~vehicle as defined by W.S.~~
10 ~~31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that is registered~~ vehicles operated
11 pursuant to W.S. ~~31-2-232~~ 31-5-1601.

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13 **31-5-954. Mirrors.**

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15 (a) ~~On or before January 1, 1986,~~ Every motor vehicle
16 including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose
17 vehicles, mopeds and off-road recreational vehicles ~~as~~
18 ~~defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered~~
19 operated pursuant to W.S. ~~31-2-232~~ 31-5-1601 shall be
20 equipped with a mirror mounted on the left side of the
21 vehicle and so located as to reflect to the driver a view
22 of the highway to the rear of the vehicle.

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1 **31-5-1601. Operation on highways.**

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3 (a) An off-road recreational vehicle may be operated
4 upon any public road rights-of-way, streets, roads or
5 highways within Wyoming subject to the following
6 conditions:

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8 (i) Off-road recreational vehicles may be
9 operated on main-traveled roadways only upon that portion
10 of a public road right-of-way, street, road or highway
11 designated open by the state, local or federal agency with
12 jurisdiction over the roadway and designated a Wyoming
13 off-road recreational vehicle trail pursuant to W.S.
14 31-2-701 through 31-2-707 by the department of state parks
15 and cultural resources. No portion of a public road
16 right-of-way, street, road or highway shall be designated
17 as a Wyoming off-road recreational vehicle trail by the
18 department without the consent of the state, local or
19 federal agency with jurisdiction over the roadway.
20 Off-road recreational vehicles operated upon roadways
21 designated as trails shall be subject ~~only~~ to the user
22 registration fee prescribed by W.S. 31-2-703 and proof of
23 liability insurance with limits not less than twenty-five

1 thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) and shall not be deemed a
2 motorcycle as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(I) and
3 31-5-102(a)(xxii). Nothing in this paragraph shall be
4 deemed to authorize the department to acquire or expand any
5 public road right-of-way in order to accommodate the
6 operation of off-road recreational vehicles;

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8 (iv) The off-road recreational vehicle shall be
9 equipped with an adequate braking device that may be
10 operated either by hand or foot, a horn pursuant to W.S.
11 31-5-952(a) and a mirror pursuant to W.S. 31-5-954(a); and

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

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