

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0006

Light and high profile vehicle closures.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highways; creating a penalty for
2 violating signs and markers for closures to light and high
3 profile vehicles; requiring fines imposed to be paid by the
4 driver of the vehicle at the time of the violation;
5 specifying that a violation of a closure to light and high
6 profile vehicles disqualifies a person from driving a
7 commercial vehicle as specified; providing that a violation
8 of a closure to light and high profile vehicles may result
9 in a mandatory revocation or suspension of a license or
10 nonresident operating privilege as specified; and providing
11 for an effective date.

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

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 24-1-109(a) and by creating a new
2 subsection (d), 31-7-102(a)(xli)(H), (J) and by creating a
3 new subparagraph (K), 31-7-127(a) by creating a new
4 paragraph (viii) and 31-7-128 by creating a new subsection
5 (o) are amended to read:

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7 **24-1-109. Closing or restricting use; failure to**
8 **observe signs and markers; exceptions.**

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10 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this
11 section, any person who willfully fails to observe any
12 sign, marker, warning, notice⁷ or direction, placed or
13 given under W.S. 24-1-108 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and
14 upon conviction thereof by any court of competent
15 jurisdiction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than
16 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or to imprisonment
17 for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or to both
18 such fine and imprisonment.

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20 (d) Any person who willfully fails to observe any
21 sign, marker, warning, notice or direction placed or given
22 under W.S. 24-1-108 for closure to light and high profile
23 vehicles is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction,

1 shall be subject to a fine of two thousand five hundred
2 dollars (\$2,500.00) and may be subject to imprisonment for
3 not more than thirty (30) days. The driver of the light and
4 high-profile vehicle at the time of the violation of this
5 subsection shall be liable, upon conviction, for any fine
6 imposed under this subsection. For purposes of 49 C.F.R. §
7 383.51, a conviction under this subsection shall be deemed
8 reckless driving.

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10 **31-7-102. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this act:

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14 (xli) "Serious traffic violation" means:

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16 (H) Driving a commercial motor vehicle
17 without a commercial driver's license in the driver's
18 possession. An individual shall not be guilty of a
19 violation of this subparagraph if the individual provides
20 proof prior to or at a court or administrative hearing
21 establishing that the individual held a valid commercial
22 driver's license on the date of the citation; ~~or~~

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1 (J) Driving a commercial motor vehicle
2 without the proper class of commercial driver's license or
3 endorsements for the specific vehicle group being operated
4 or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported;
5 or

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7 (K) A violation of W.S. 24-1-109(d).

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9 **31-7-127. Mandatory revocation of license for certain**
10 **violations.**

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12 (a) The division shall revoke the license or
13 nonresident operating privilege of any person, upon receipt
14 of a record of conviction of the person of any of the
15 following violations:

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17 (viii) A conviction under W.S. 24-1-109(d), a
18 similar local ordinance or a similar statute or ordinance
19 in another jurisdiction, if the person has been previously
20 convicted two (2) or more times under W.S. 24-1-109(d), a
21 similar local ordinance or a similar statute or ordinance
22 in another jurisdiction within a five (5) year period
23 preceding:

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(A) The date of the offense upon which the conviction is based; or

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(B) The date of the conviction at issue.

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31-7-128. Mandatory suspension of license or nonresident operating privilege for certain violations; suspension of registration.

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(o) The division shall suspend the license or nonresident operating privilege of any driver upon receiving a record of the driver's conviction under W.S. 24-1-109(d), a similar local ordinance or a similar statute or ordinance in another jurisdiction for:

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(i) Ninety (90) days, for the first conviction;

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(ii) Six (6) months, if the person has been previously convicted once under W.S. 24-1-109(d), a similar ordinance or a similar statute or ordinance in another jurisdiction within the five (5) year period preceding:

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1 (A) The date of the offense upon which the
2 conviction is based; or

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4 (B) The date of conviction at issue.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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