

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0004

Snowmobile registration and user fees.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; increasing annual
2 registration fees for resident snowmobiles; increasing
3 nonresident annual snowmobile user fees; creating a
4 permanent registration for antique snowmobiles; providing
5 definitions; making conforming amendments; requiring
6 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-410 is created to read:

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12 **31-2-410. Antique snowmobiles.**

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14 (a) Antique snowmobiles may be registered pursuant to
15 this section.

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2 (b) The owner of an antique snowmobile may register
3 the snowmobile by submitting an application to the
4 department indicating that the snowmobile is operated for
5 the purposes of organized antique snowmobile activities,
6 parades, exhibitions, tours and other related activities
7 and may be used for general snowmobile uses.

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9 (c) Upon receipt of the registration fee pursuant to
10 W.S. 31-2-404(a)(iii), the selling agent shall issue to the
11 owner for each antique snowmobile a certificate of
12 registration, setting forth the facts in the application,
13 together with a numbered decal which shall bear a
14 distinctive number assigned to the snowmobile, which decal
15 shall at all times be prominently displayed on the
16 snowmobile. The registration expires upon transfer of
17 ownership of the antique snowmobile.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-401(a)(ii), 31-2-402(b),
20 31-2-404(a), 31-2-405(a), 31-2-409(a)(intro), (ii) and by
21 creating a new paragraph (iii), 36-4-123(a)(intro) and
22 39-17-111(c)(ii) are amended to read:

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1 **31-2-401. Definitions.**

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3 (a) For purposes of this act:

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5 (ii) "Snowmobile" means any mechanically driven
6 vehicle of a type which utilizes sled type runners, or
7 skis, or any endless belt tread or combination of these,
8 designed primarily for operation over snow. ÷ The term
9 includes the following vehicle as hereafter defined:

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11 (A) "Antique" means any snowmobile that is
12 at least twenty (20) years old and is operated for the
13 purposes stated in W.S. 31-2-410(b).

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15 **31-2-402. Registration selling agents; application**
16 **for registration.**

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18 (b) The department of state parks and cultural
19 resources through the division of state parks and historic
20 sites shall in accordance with W.S. 36-4-123, appoint
21 selling agents to sell snowmobile registrations and user
22 fees. Each selling agent shall retain one dollar (\$1.00)
23 for each nonresident user fee sold under W.S.

1 31-2-409(a)(ii) or (iii) and for each resident snowmobile
2 registration sold under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(i) or (iii).
3 Designated department employees may sell snowmobile
4 registrations and user fees, but no employee shall receive
5 any commission on registrations or user fees collected.

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7 31-2-404. Amount of fee; ad valorem tax exemption;
8 disposition of fees; duties of department of state parks
9 and cultural resources.

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11 (a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-408, the annual
12 registration fee for a resident snowmobile is:

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14 (i) For a snowmobile intended for private use
15 ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00 annually;

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17 (ii) For a commercial snowmobile ~~\$105.00~~ \$150.00
18 annually;

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20 (iii) For an antique snowmobile \$25.00 paid at
21 the time of registration.

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1 **31-2-405. Payment of fees; issuance of certificate**
2 **and decal.**

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4 (a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-410, resident
5 snowmobile registration fees shall be paid before the
6 expiration of thirty (30) days after acquiring ownership of
7 a snowmobile which will be operated within the state of
8 Wyoming. Upon receipt of the registration fee the selling
9 agent shall issue to the owner for each snowmobile a
10 certificate of registration, setting forth the facts in the
11 application, together with a numbered decal which shall
12 bear a distinctive number assigned to the snowmobile and
13 the date of expiration, which decal shall at all times be
14 prominently displayed on the snowmobile.

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16 **31-2-409. Snowmobile user fee; amount of fee;**
17 **disposition of fees; account created; duties of department**
18 **of state parks and cultural resources; duration of decal;**
19 **exemptions.**

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21 (a) There shall be collected by selling agents ~~an~~
22 ~~annual~~a nonresident snowmobile user fee for nonresident
23 snowmobiles operated in Wyoming as follows:

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2 (ii) For any nonresident snowmobile not exempt
3 under subsection (f) of this section ~~\$35.00~~ \$70.00
4 annually;

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6 (iii) For an antique snowmobile \$25.00 paid at
7 the time of registration.

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9 **36-4-123. Selling agents for registrations, licenses**
10 **and permits.**

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12 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
13 resources through the division of parks and historic sites
14 shall appoint selling agents to sell snowmobile
15 registrations pursuant to W.S. 31-2-402 and 31-2-410,
16 permits under W.S. 36-4-121 and other licenses,
17 registrations and permits for which the department may by
18 law be required to issue and collect fees. Selling agents
19 appointed under this section shall be bonded by the
20 department, subject to the following:

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22 **39-17-111. Distribution.**

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1 (c) The department shall credit to appropriate
2 accounts based upon deductions from the taxes collected
3 under this article in the following order:

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5 (ii) Deduct an amount collected on fuel used in
6 snowmobiles, computed by multiplying the number of
7 snowmobiles for which registration and user fees have been
8 paid during the current fiscal year under W.S.
9 31-2-404(a)(i) and (iii) and 31-2-409(a)(ii) and (iii)
10 times twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$28.75)
11 plus the number of gallons of gasoline used by snowmobiles
12 for which registration fees have been paid during the
13 current fiscal year under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(ii) times the
14 current gasoline tax rate as defined by W.S.
15 39-17-104(a)(i). The number of gallons used by commercial
16 snowmobiles shall be reported to the department by all
17 businesses offering commercial snowmobile recreational
18 leasing. The amounts computed shall be credited to a
19 separate account to be expended by the department of state
20 parks and cultural resources to improve snowmobile trails
21 in Wyoming;

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1 **Section 3.** The department of state parks and cultural
2 resources shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement
3 the provisions of this act not later than July 1, 2025.

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5 Section 4.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

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(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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15 (END)