

ENROLLED ACT NO. 47, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates; authorizing specially designed license plates to recognize rodeo as the official sport of Wyoming; specifying requirements; authorizing fees; providing for termination of issuance of the special plates; requiring a report upon termination; authorizing rulemaking; making a conforming amendment; specifying availability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-234 is created to read:

31-2-234. Rodeo license plates.

(a) Any person interested in recognizing rodeo as the official sport of this state pursuant to W.S. 8-3-119 and supporting rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges may apply for and be issued distinctive license plates for any motor vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle owned or leased by that person upon registration of the vehicle. These license plates shall be displayed upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

(b) Application for, issuance and renewal of the rodeo license plates under this section shall be subject to the same vehicle registration requirements and fees as provided in this article in addition to the fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii). Application forms shall be available at all county treasurer's offices and shall include space on the application form to offer the option for the applicant to donate twenty dollars (\$20.00) or more to support rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges. Any monetary donation received

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under this subsection shall be forwarded to the state treasurer to be deposited into a separate account. As soon as possible after July 1 of each year, the state treasurer shall distribute monetary donations received under this subsection from the previous year evenly between the University of Wyoming and each Wyoming community college for purposes of supporting the rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges.

(c) The department shall prescribe the design of the rodeo license plates authorized by this section. The rodeo license plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle license plates and need not include arabic numerals for the county. The department shall include the following language on the license plate: "Rodeo – The official sport of Wyoming." The department shall arrange for production of the license plates. Following initial approval, rodeo license plates shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license plates beginning with the 2033 reissuance.

(d) The department may prepare any special forms and issue any rules and regulations necessary to carry out this section.

(e) Unless five hundred (500) sets of license plates are issued under this section before December 31, 2031, the plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from production and not later than January 15, 2032 the department shall report the cessation of production to the joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim committee.

Section 2. W.S. 31-2-212 is amended to read:

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31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of registration, plates or validation stickers.

Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of registration, license plate, or validation sticker the owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, new license plates or validation stickers from any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle was registered or plates or stickers were issued by the department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or destruction, return of mutilated plates or stickers and payment of the duplicate registration, plate or sticker fee. For those vehicles registered under the provisions of W.S. 31-2-213(h), 31-2-215 through 31-2-223, 31-2-226, 31-2-227 or 31-2-229 through ~~31-2-233~~ 31-2-234 replacement duplicate license plates may be obtained upon application with the county treasurer from which the original plates were purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied by fees as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate license plates obtained under this section to replace lost or stolen plates shall not be displayed on the vehicle until the validation stickers on the lost or stolen plates have expired. Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a dealer plate or validation sticker the dealer may obtain a replacement dealer plate or validation sticker from the county treasurer from which he purchased the original plate in the same manner as the owner of a vehicle and upon payment of the appropriate fee under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi). Obtaining a replacement plate is not the purchase of an additional plate under W.S. 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon application for new license plates or stickers the county treasurer shall notify the department and the county sheriff as soon as possible of the loss, mutilation or destruction. The department shall notify the appropriate

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law enforcement agencies of any loss, mutilation or
destruction of license plates or stickers.

Section 3. The department of transportation shall
make rodeo license plates available beginning on January 1,
2026.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk