

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0310

Trailer permanent registration-amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending eligibility
2 requirements for permanent registrations of a trailer;
3 providing for the permanent registration of trailers that
4 qualify as commercial vehicles as specified; providing a
5 fee exemption for permanently registered trailers as
6 specified; making conforming amendments; specifying
7 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-206(n)(intro), 31-2-214(e),
12 31-3-101(g)(v), 31-3-103(m) and 31-18-201 by creating new
13 subsections (aa) through (dd) are amended to read:

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1 **31-2-206. Annual renewal; delivery of license plates**
2 **and stickers; staggered registration; permanent**
3 **registration of trailers.**

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5 (n) Except for a trailer that is a house trailer or
6 mobile equipment, the owner of a trailer as defined in W.S.
7 31-1-101(a)(xxiii), and subject to the provisions of
8 paragraphs (i) and paragraph (iii) of this subsection, may
9 permanently register the trailer upon payment of a fee in
10 the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) at the
11 time of initial registration. Alternatively, the owner may
12 permanently register the trailer by paying the fees under
13 subsection (o) of this section, provided the trailer:

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15 **31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.**

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17 (e) Upon transfer of ownership of a trailer that had
18 been permanently registered under W.S. 31-2-206(n) or
19 31-18-201(aa), the permanent registration of that trailer
20 expires and the original owner shall immediately remove the
21 license plate from that trailer. If within sixty (60) days
22 after the transfer of ownership the original owner acquires
23 another trailer for which the permanent license plate would

1 be proper, the original owner may file an application for
2 the transfer of the license registration number to the
3 newly acquired trailer and the license plate may be
4 transferred by the original owner to the original owner's
5 newly acquired trailer. ~~The original owner is not subject~~
6 ~~to additional registration fees for the transfer of the~~
7 ~~license registration number under this subsection~~ upon
8 approval of the application and payment of the fees
9 required to permanently register a trailer under W.S.
10 31-2-206(n) or 31-18-201(aa).

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12 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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14 (g) Owners of the following vehicles are exempt from
15 the payment of fees provided by subsections (a) and (b) of
16 this section:

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18 (v) Trailers if permanently registered pursuant
19 to W.S. 31-2-206(n) through (q) or 31-18-201(aa) through
20 (dd).

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22 **31-3-103. Distribution of fees; refunds.**

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1 (m) Fifty percent (50%) of the permanent registration
2 fee collected under W.S. 31-2-206(n) or 31-18-201(aa) shall
3 be distributed by county treasurers in the same proportion
4 and manner as property taxes are distributed. The remaining
5 fifty percent (50%) of the permanent registration fee
6 collected under W.S. 31-2-206(n) or 31-18-201(aa) shall be
7 distributed to the highway fund.

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9 **31-18-201. Commercial vehicles; registration;**
10 **exemptions; permanent registration of trailers.**

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12 (aa) Except for a trailer that is mobile equipment or
13 a power unit, the owner of a trailer as defined in W.S.
14 31-1-101(a)(xxiii) that qualifies as part of a commercial
15 vehicle as defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(i) and is otherwise
16 subject to W.S. 31-18-401 may instead permanently register
17 the trailer upon payment of a fee in the amount of three
18 hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) at the time of initial
19 registration. Alternatively, the owner may permanently
20 register the trailer by paying the fees under subsection
21 (bb) of this section.

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1 (bb) Upon payment of the fees specified in subsection
2 (aa) of this section or this subsection, the department
3 shall issue a distinctive license plate indicating the
4 permanent registration of the trailer. After payment of the
5 fees under subsection (aa) of this section or this
6 subsection, the owner of a trailer that is permanently
7 registered under subsection (aa) of this section shall not
8 be subject to additional registration fees for as long as
9 the owner owns the trailer. If the one-time fee specified
10 in subsection (aa) of this section is not paid, the fees
11 for permanent registration of a trailer under subsection
12 (aa) of this section are:

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14 (i) A permanent registration state
15 administration fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00);
16 and

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18 (ii) An amount equal to five (5) times the
19 applicable fees under W.S. 31-3-101(a), plus any donation
20 amounts under W.S. 31-3-101(h) or (j). Any donated amount
21 shall not be subject to the requirement to pay five (5)
22 times the applicable amount.

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1 (cc) The owner of a trailer that is permanently
2 registered under subsection (aa) of this section shall
3 display the permanent registration license plate in
4 accordance with W.S. 31-2-205 only on the permanently
5 registered trailer for which the plate was issued, except
6 when transferred pursuant to W.S. 31-2-214(e).

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8 (dd) The permanent registration of a trailer under
9 subsection (aa) of this section shall not be transferred to
10 a new owner. Upon transfer of a trailer that had been
11 permanently registered under subsection (aa) of this
12 section to a new owner, the new owner shall be subject to
13 all applicable title, registration and license fees under
14 title 31, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2, chapter 3 and
15 chapter 18, articles 2 and 4 of the Wyoming statutes as
16 applicable for the trailer. The new owner may permanently
17 register the trailer as provided in this section.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-206(n)(i) is repealed.

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21 **Section 3.** This act shall apply to trailers
22 registered on and after the effective date of this act.

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

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