

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0026

Vehicle registration fees-tribal governments.

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Senator(s) Barlow and Driskill

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; exempting motor vehicles  
2 owned by tribal governments from paying county and state  
3 registration fees; requiring the department of  
4 transportation to issue distinctive license plates for  
5 vehicles owned by tribal governments; and providing for an  
6 effective date.

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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. 31-2-207 and 31-3-101(g) (i) are  
11 amended to read:

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13 **31-2-207. Publicly owned vehicles.**

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1 Upon application the department shall issue distinctive  
2 license plates indicating public ownership for vehicles  
3 owned by the United States, state of Wyoming, a county,  
4 city, town or political subdivision of Wyoming, the tribal  
5 governments of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho  
6 tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation or a joint  
7 powers board under W.S. 16-1-101 through 16-1-109. A  
8 distinctive license plate under this section may be issued  
9 to any public entity specified in this section, provided  
10 that the public entity or another public entity specified  
11 in this section owns the vehicle and the public entity  
12 applying for the distinctive license plate has the  
13 authority to possess and operate the vehicle in fulfillment  
14 of its public purpose. Upon presentation of proper  
15 credentials and identification of the applicant the  
16 department shall issue license plates not disclosing public  
17 ownership of a vehicle to investigative agencies of Wyoming  
18 and the criminal investigative agencies of the department  
19 of justice, department of defense and department of the  
20 treasury of the United States and the records of the  
21 department shall not disclose the public ownership of the  
22 vehicles.

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1           **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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3           (g) Owners of the following vehicles are exempt from  
4 the payment of fees provided by subsections (a) and (b) of  
5 this section:

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7                   (i) Vehicles owned by:

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9                           (A) The United States, state of Wyoming,  
10 county, city, town or political subdivision of Wyoming or a  
11 joint powers board created under W.S. 16-1-101 through  
12 16-1-109; ~~or~~

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14                           (B) Vehicles owned by an irrigation  
15 district created under W.S. 41-7-201 through 41-7-210; ~~or~~

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17                           (C) Vehicles owned by a weed and pest  
18 control district created under W.S. 11-5-101 et seq.  
19 provided the vehicles are essential to the operation and  
20 maintenance of the district and are used for no business or  
21 commercial activity unrelated to the operation and  
22 maintenance of the district; ~~or~~

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1                   (D) Vehicles owned by a senior citizen  
2 center that is providing services to senior citizens under  
3 W.S. 18-2-105;

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5                   (E) Vehicles owned by the tribal  
6 governments of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho  
7 tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation.

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9           **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
12 Constitution.

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