

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0026

ENROLLED ACT NO. 9, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2026 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-207 and 31-3-101(g)(i) are amended to read:

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

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

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department shall not disclose the public ownership of the vehicles.

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

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

(i) Vehicles owned by:

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

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

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

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

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

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**Section 2.** This act is 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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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk