

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0032

ENROLLED ACT NO. 7, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring operators of commercial motor vehicles to demonstrate proficiency in the English language; prohibiting operators of commercial motor vehicles who cannot demonstrate English language proficiency from operating commercial motor vehicles as specified; providing criminal penalties; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 31-18-608 is created to read:

**31-18-608. English language proficiency for operators of commercial vehicles; penalties.**

(a) As used in this section, "proficiency in the English language" means an operator of a commercial vehicle can demonstrate proficiency of the English language in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 391.11(b)(2).

(b) No operator of a commercial vehicle shall operate a commercial vehicle within this state if the operator is unable to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. Any operator of a commercial vehicle who violates this subsection shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be prohibited from operating a commercial vehicle within this state until the operator is able to demonstrate proficiency in the English language.

(c) Any operator of a commercial vehicle who operates a commercial vehicle within this state while under the prohibition imposed by subsection (b) of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by an additional fine of one thousand

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dollars (\$1,000.00), by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

**Section 2.** W.S. 31-18-701 by creating a new subsection (d) is amended to read:

**31-18-701. Specific crimes and penalties; enforcement.**

(d) The highway patrol division, any other enforcement officers designated by the department and any peace officer of any county or municipality shall:

(i) Be charged with the duty of policing and enforcing the provisions of W.S. 31-18-608; and

(ii) Have the authority to issue citations for violations for any provisions of W.S. 31-18-608.

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**Section 3.** 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