

ENROLLED ACT NO. 41, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; creating a motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system; requiring the department of transportation to implement and administer the system; requiring county treasurers to use the system; providing definitions; specifying that development of the system is part of the replacement of the revenue information system; requiring rulemaking; making conforming amendments; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-236 is created to read:

31-2-236. Motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system.

(a) As used in this section, "motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system" means a statewide electronic motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system implemented and administered by the department that supports all functions necessary to register motor vehicles and issue license plates under this title.

(b) The department shall implement and administer a motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system not later than July 1, 2028. The motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system shall, at a minimum:

(i) Record and process all motor vehicle registration transactions, including initial registrations, renewals, transfers, corrections, replacements and any other transactions as authorized by the department;

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(ii) Facilitate the issuance, replacement and renewal of license plates, validation stickers, decals, temporary permits and any other related items as determined by the department;

(iii) Calculate, accept payment for and document motor vehicle registration fees under W.S. 31-3-101 and 31-3-102;

(iv) Calculate, accept payment for and document specialty license plate fees and donations related to specialty license plates;

(v) Calculate, accept payment for and document sales and use taxes pursuant to W.S. 39-15-107(b) or 39-16-107(b);

(vi) Possess the capacity to exchange information and operate in a manner that is compatible with the county treasurers' systems to enable the reconciliation, balancing and distribution of all fees and taxes collected through the system in accordance with the law.

(c) The department may contract with one (1) or more vendors to develop, implement and provide ongoing administration of the motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system required under subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The department may charge a transaction fee of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) for each transaction processed through the motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system to recover the department's costs associated with the maintenance and ongoing

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administration of the system. No transaction fee shall be charged under this subsection to the counties. Before establishing a transaction fee or changing an existing transaction fee under this subsection, the department shall provide written notice to each county treasurer of the amount of the transaction fee and the date the transaction fee will take effect. No transaction fee charged under this subsection shall be reduced or deducted from any fees, taxes or distributions owed to other persons under the law.

(e) Upon activation of the motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system, all county treasurers shall use the system to carry out the county treasurers' duties under this title related to motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance.

Section 2. W.S. 31-1-202(c) and (d) as amended by 2025 Wyoming Session Laws Chapter 35, Section 2 and effective July 1, 2027, is amended to read:

31-1-202. Records.

(c) Within three (3) business days after issuance of a vehicle registration or certificate of title, county treasurers and county clerks shall forward a record thereof to the department. County clerks shall forward a record of certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113. County treasurers shall forward records of vehicle registration electronically through the motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system established under W.S. 31-2-236. County treasurers shall notify the department and sheriff of his county of loss or mutilation of license plates.

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(d) The department shall maintain records of vehicle registrations in the motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system established under W.S. 31-2-236 from all counties indexed by distinctive vehicle numbers assigned by the department, the name of the registered owner and vehicle identification numbers. The department shall maintain a record of all vehicle certificates of title from all counties in the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113. Records are public and open to inspection by the public during reasonable office hours. The department shall maintain a vehicle identification number index of all vehicles for which certificates of title have been issued. Upon receipt of a notice of issuance of a certificate of title from any county clerk the department may destroy all records relating to former transfers of title to the vehicle and shall retain only the notice of issuance of the certificate of title in effect at any time. The department may annually compile and publish a list of all registered vehicles and supplements thereto which shall be furnished to Wyoming peace officers and the Wyoming office of homeland security without charge.

Section 3. The development and implementation of the motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system as required under section 1 of this act shall be considered part of the replacement of the revenue information system and shall be eligible for funding under W.S. 31-1-204.

Section 4.

(a) The department of transportation shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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(b) The department of transportation may contract with one (1) or more vendors to develop and implement the motor vehicle registration and license plate issuance system as authorized and required under section 1 of this act.

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Section 5.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2028.

(b) Sections 3 through 5 of this act are 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.

(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