

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0081

Less is More Plate Act.

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McCann, Nicholas, Posey and Wylie and
Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Kolb and Pappas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; repealing the
2 requirement to display a license plate on the front of a
3 vehicle; making conforming amendments; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-204(a) and (f),
9 31-2-205(a)(i)(intro), 31-2-212, 31-2-213(b) and (h)(viii),
10 31-2-215(a) and (c), 31-2-216(a), 31-2-217(a) and (m),
11 31-2-223(c), 31-2-233(d), 31-2-234(f) and 31-2-235(e) are
12 amended to read:

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14 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**
15 **and license plates by county; form.**

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2 (a) Upon receipt of an approved application and
3 payment of fees the county treasurer shall issue to the
4 applicant a certificate of registration conforming with the
5 facts set forth in the application together with one (1)
6 license plate or validation sticker for ~~motorcycles,~~
7 ~~multipurpose vehicles, trailers, including house trailers,~~
8 ~~and vehicles operated with dealer license plates and two~~
9 ~~(2) license plates or proper validation stickers for any~~
10 ~~other vehicle~~ all vehicles. A physical or electronic copy
11 of the certificate of registration shall be carried at all
12 times in the motor vehicle for which it is valid and shall
13 be displayed upon demand of any peace officer. A
14 certificate of registration issued by a county treasurer
15 may be provided in electronic form.

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17 (f) Any person may apply for one (1) ~~set of decals~~
18 decal for breast cancer awareness for any license plate
19 issued under this article. A decal supporting breast cancer
20 awareness shall bear the breast cancer ribbon symbol and
21 shall be attached in the lower left corner of the license
22 plate without obscuring any other symbols, letters or
23 numbers on the license plate. Application forms shall be

1 available at all county treasurer's offices. Each applicant
2 for a decal under this subsection shall submit an
3 administration fee with the application. The fee shall be
4 in an amount determined by the department to be sufficient
5 to recover reasonable administrative costs of the decal,
6 but not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per ~~set of decals~~
7 decal for any one (1) vehicle. Upon completion of the
8 application, receipt of the administration fee and issuance
9 or renewal of a license plate under this article, the
10 county treasurer shall issue to the applicant the number of
11 decals corresponding to the number of license plates issued
12 or renewed. Decals issued under this subsection shall not
13 be required to be renewed upon renewal of a license plate.
14 The replacement fee for a decal under this subsection shall
15 be the same as for the original decal.

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17 **31-2-205. Display of license plates.**

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19 (a) License plates for vehicles shall be:

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21 (i) Conspicuously displayed and securely
22 fastened to be plainly visible÷ on the rear of the vehicle;

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1 **31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of**
2 **registration, plates or validation stickers.**

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4 Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of
5 registration, license plate, or validation sticker the
6 owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of
7 registration, new license ~~plates~~plate or validation
8 ~~stickers~~sticker from any county treasurer or the
9 department if the vehicle was registered or ~~plates~~or
10 ~~stickers~~were the plate or sticker was issued by the
11 department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or
12 destruction, return of the mutilated ~~plates~~or stickers
13 plate or sticker and payment of the duplicate registration,
14 plate or sticker fee. For those vehicles registered under
15 the provisions of W.S. 31-2-213(h), 31-2-215 through
16 31-2-223, 31-2-226, 31-2-227 or 31-2-229 through 31-2-235
17 replacement duplicate license plates may be obtained upon
18 application with the county treasurer from which the
19 original plates were purchased or the department if
20 applicable, accompanied by fees as provided by W.S.
21 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate license plates obtained under
22 this section to replace lost or stolen plates shall not be
23 displayed on the vehicle until the validation stickers on

1 the lost or stolen plates have expired. Upon loss,
2 mutilation or destruction of a dealer plate or validation
3 sticker the dealer may obtain a replacement dealer plate or
4 validation sticker from the county treasurer from which he
5 purchased the original plate in the same manner as the
6 owner of a vehicle and upon payment of the appropriate fee
7 under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi). Obtaining a replacement plate
8 is not the purchase of an additional plate under W.S.
9 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon application for new license plates or
10 stickers the county treasurer shall notify the department
11 and the county sheriff as soon as possible of the loss,
12 mutilation or destruction. The department shall notify the
13 appropriate law enforcement agencies of any loss,
14 mutilation or destruction of license plates or stickers.

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16 **31-2-213. Department to supply registration**
17 **certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield**
18 **placards.**

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20 (b) The department may issue license plates, except
21 permanent, dealer and antique motor vehicle license plates,
22 which shall be valid for not more than eight (8) years if
23 an annual validation ~~stickers are~~ sticker is attached in

1 the upper left corner of the license plate with the month
2 and year of expiration clearly visible. Department
3 authorized license plates and annual stickers shall be of
4 colors that are readily distinguishable from the previous
5 year.

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7 (h) Effective January 1, 1993, any person eligible
8 for a special placard under subsection (c) of this section
9 may apply to the county treasurer for special license
10 plates for a motor vehicle owned by that person. Special
11 license plates shall not be issued to any person who is
12 eligible only for a temporary removable windshield placard
13 under subsection (g) of this section. Special plates issued
14 under this subsection are subject to the following:

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16 (viii) The county treasurer shall issue a ~~set of~~
17 ~~plates~~license plate for each vehicle and a special license
18 plate for each motorcycle or multipurpose vehicle
19 registered to a qualified applicant under this subsection
20 upon payment of required fees.

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22 **31-2-215. Disabled veteran's license plates.**

1 (a) A disabled veteran who receives fifty percent
2 (50%) or more service connected disability compensation
3 from the United States department of veteran's affairs and
4 who is a resident at the time of initial application and
5 renewal application under subsection (b) of this section,
6 may apply for distinctive license plates for a passenger
7 car, pickup truck, motorcycle or multipurpose vehicle owned
8 or leased by him upon registration of the vehicle. These
9 license plates shall be displayed upon the vehicle for
10 which they are issued. A disabled veteran may purchase one
11 (1) additional ~~pair of~~ license ~~plates~~ plate as provided in
12 this section for either a motorcycle or a multipurpose
13 vehicle upon payment of regular fees provided in this
14 article. The license plates shall bear a distinctive symbol
15 or letters identifying the registrant as a disabled
16 veteran. The department shall prescribe the symbol or
17 letters which shall not include arabic numerals designating
18 the county.

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20 (c) The county treasurer shall only issue one (1)
21 ~~pair of~~ license ~~plates~~ plate annually that ~~are~~ is exempt as
22 provided by W.S. 31-3-101(b)(xv) to each applicant under
23 this section.

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2 **31-2-216. Special plates; former prisoners of war.**

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4 (a) The county treasurer shall issue one (1) ~~set of~~
5 special license ~~plates~~ plate for either a passenger car,
6 truck or motor home owned or leased by a former prisoner of
7 war in accordance with this section for the year 1988 and
8 thereafter.

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10 **31-2-217. Special plates; Pearl Harbor survivors;**
11 **national guard members; armed forces veterans; purple heart**
12 **recipients; women armed forces veteran decals.**

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14 (a) The county treasurer shall issue one (1) ~~set of~~
15 special license ~~plates~~ plate to each applicant for either a
16 passenger car, truck, motorcycle, handicapped motorcycle or
17 motor home owned or leased by a survivor of Pearl Harbor, a
18 member of the Wyoming army or air national guard, a purple
19 heart recipient or honorably discharged veteran of the
20 United States armed forces and, if applied for and
21 eligible, one (1) ~~set of decals~~ decals designating the
22 person is an honorably discharged woman veteran of the
23 United States armed forces in accordance with this section.

1 These license plates shall be displayed upon the vehicle
2 for which they are issued. A decal designating the person
3 is an honorably discharged woman veteran shall be attached
4 in the lower left corner of a license plate issued under
5 this section.

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7 (m) The decal designating a woman veteran of the
8 United States armed forces shall bear a distinctive symbol
9 or letters identifying the registrant as an honorably
10 discharged woman veteran of the United States armed forces.
11 Each applicant for a decal under this subsection shall
12 submit an administration fee with the application. The fee
13 shall be in an amount determined by the department to be
14 sufficient to recover reasonable administrative costs of
15 the decal, but not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per ~~set~~
16 ~~of decals~~ decal for any one (1) vehicle. Upon completion of
17 the application, receipt of the administration fee,
18 determination of eligibility and issuance or renewal of
19 special license plates under this section, the county
20 treasurer shall issue to the applicant the number of decals
21 corresponding to the number of license plates issued or
22 renewed under this section to be attached to the license
23 plates issued or renewed under this section. The

1 replacement fee for a decal under this subsection shall be
2 the same as for the original decal.

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4 **31-2-223. Antique motor vehicles.**

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6 (c) Upon receipt of an approved application and
7 payment of fees the vehicle shall be registered and a
8 license ~~plates issued therefor~~ plate shall be issued for
9 the vehicle. The registration expires upon transfer of
10 ownership of the vehicle. ~~Notwithstanding W.S.~~
11 ~~31-2-205(a)(i)(A), a license plate shall only be required~~
12 ~~to be displayed on the rear of those antique motor vehicles~~
13 ~~that were originally manufactured to have one (1) license~~
14 ~~plate.~~

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16 **31-2-233. Organ, eye and tissue donation license**
17 **plates.**

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19 (d) Unless ~~five hundred (500) sets of~~ license plates
20 are issued to not less than five hundred (500) vehicles
21 under this section before December 31, 2031, the plates
22 authorized under this section shall be eliminated from
23 production and not later than January 15, 2033 the

1 department shall report the cessation of production to the
2 joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim
3 committee.

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5 **31-2-234. Search and rescue license plates.**

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7 (f) Unless ~~one thousand (1,000) sets of~~ license
8 plates are issued to not less than one thousand (1,000)
9 vehicles under this section before December 31, 2032, the
10 plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated
11 from production and the department shall report the
12 cessation of production to the legislature not later than
13 January 15, 2033.

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15 **31-2-235. Rodeo license plates.**

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17 (e) Unless ~~five hundred (500) sets of~~ license plates
18 are issued to not less than five hundred (500) vehicles
19 under this section before December 31, 2031, the plates
20 authorized under this section shall be eliminated from
21 production and not later than January 15, 2032 the
22 department shall report the cessation of production to the

1 joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim
2 committee.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-205 (a) (i) (A) and (B) is
5 repealed.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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