

SENATE FILE NO. SF0112

Elimination of license plate replacement cycle.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kolb, Boner, Crum, Driskill and Olsen and Representative(s) Neiman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; eliminating the
 2 requirement that license plates be reissued after a
 3 specified time; requiring replacement of license plates as
 4 specified; adding a fee for replacement license plates;
 5 providing definitions; making conforming amendments; and
 6 providing for an 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. 31-2-213 (b), 31-2-219 (d),
 11 31-2-229 (d), 31-2-231 (d), 31-2-234 (d), 31-2-235 (c) and
 12 31-3-102 (a) by creating a new paragraph (xxiv) are amended
 13 to read:

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1 **31-2-213. Department to supply registration**
2 **certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield**
3 **placards.**

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5 (b) The department may issue license plates, except
6 permanent, dealer and antique motor vehicle license plates,
7 which shall be valid, ~~for not more than eight (8) years~~ if
8 annual validation stickers are attached in the upper left
9 corner of the license plate with the month and year of
10 expiration clearly visible and until any number or letter
11 on either license plate is no longer readable or visible.
12 If a license plate, except a permanent, dealer and antique
13 motor vehicle license plate, is no longer readable or
14 visible as provided in this subsection, the owner of the
15 vehicle shall obtain two (2) replacement license plates
16 upon payment of the fee under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(xxiv) from
17 any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle was
18 registered and the license plates were issued by the
19 department. Replacement license plates issued under this
20 subsection shall bear the same identification number as the
21 initial license plates and shall replace both license
22 plates. Replacement license plates issued under this
23 subsection shall not be considered new license plates

1 issued upon loss, mutilation or destruction under W.S.
2 31-2-212. For purposes of this subsection, "no longer
3 readable or visible" means that one (1) or more numbers or
4 letters on a license plate are permanently worn, faded,
5 corroded or damaged so the numbers or letters on a license
6 plate cannot clearly be identified under ordinary daylight
7 conditions and shall not include temporary obscuration
8 caused by snow, mud, ice or any other environmental
9 conditions. Department authorized license plates and annual
10 stickers shall be of colors that are readily
11 distinguishable from the previous year.

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13 **31-2-219. University of Wyoming license plates.**

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15 (d) The department shall prescribe the design of the
16 special license plate authorized by this section, which
17 shall include an image of the bucking horse and rider as
18 described in W.S. 8-3-117, in consultation with the
19 University of Wyoming, the University of Wyoming Alumni
20 Association and the secretary of state's office, and
21 arrange for production of the license plates. ~~Following~~
22 ~~initial approval, University of Wyoming plates shall be~~
23 ~~subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license~~

1 ~~plates beginning with the year 2017 reissuance.~~ The license
2 plates shall be issued by the county treasurer of each
3 county.

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5 **31-2-229. Special plates; gold star.**

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7 (d) The department shall prescribe the design of the
8 gold star license plate authorized by this section in
9 consultation with the Wyoming veteran's commission and
10 shall arrange for production of the license plates.
11 ~~Following initial approval, the gold star license plates~~
12 ~~shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all~~
13 ~~license plates beginning with the year 2017 reissuance.~~ The
14 license plates shall be issued by the county treasurer of
15 each county.

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17 **31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates;**
18 **wildlife conservation account; authority to receive and**
19 **expend monies.**

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21 (d) The department shall prescribe the design of the
22 wildlife conservation license plates authorized by this
23 section in consultation with the public and other

1 interested parties, which shall include an image of the
2 bucking horse and rider described in W.S. 8-3-117. License
3 plates authorized by this section need not include Arabic
4 numerals designating the county. The department shall
5 arrange for production of the license plates.—~~Following~~
6 ~~initial approval, wildlife conservation license plates~~
7 ~~shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all~~
8 ~~license plates beginning with the year 2025 reissuance.~~

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10 **31-2-234. Search and rescue license plates.**

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12 (d) The department shall prescribe the design of the
13 search and rescue license plates authorized by this section
14 in consultation with the public and other interested
15 parties, which shall include an image of the bucking horse
16 and rider described in W.S. 8-3-117. License plates
17 authorized by this section need not include Arabic numerals
18 designating the county. The department shall arrange for
19 production of the license plates.—~~Following initial~~
20 ~~approval, search and rescue license plates shall be subject~~
21 ~~to redesign on the same schedule as all license plates~~
22 ~~beginning with the year 2033 reissuance.~~

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1 **31-2-235. Rodeo license plates.**

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3 (c) The department shall prescribe the design of the
4 rodeo license plates authorized by this section. The rodeo
5 license plates shall be the same size as regular motor
6 vehicle license plates and need not include arabic numerals
7 for the county. The department shall include the following
8 language on the license plate: "Rodeo – The official sport
9 of Wyoming." The department shall arrange for production of
10 the license plates. ~~Following initial approval, rodeo~~
11 ~~license plates shall be subject to redesign on the same~~
12 ~~schedule as all license plates beginning with the 2033~~
13 ~~reissuance.~~

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15 **31-3-102. Miscellaneous fees.**

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17 (a) The following fees shall be collected for the
18 instruments or privileges indicated:

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20 (xxiv) Replacement license plates:

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