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HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Driver's license requirements-visual acuity.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending the driver's
2 license requirement to demonstrate visual acuity; requiring
3 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-7-110(b), 31-7-114(a) and
8 31-7-119(b) are amended to read:

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10 **31-7-110. Instruction and temporary driver's permits.**

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1 (b) Any person at least fifteen (15) years of age may
2 apply to the division for a motorcycle instruction permit.
3 The division, after the applicant has successfully passed a
4 written examination and ~~a vision test~~ has demonstrated
5 adequate visual acuity according to department rules, may
6 issue to the applicant an instruction permit ~~which~~ that
7 entitles the applicant to drive a motorcycle for a period
8 of ninety (90) days without a passenger. If the applicant
9 also passes a driving test, the division may issue an
10 instruction permit ~~which~~ that entitles the applicant to
11 drive a motorcycle for a period of one (1) year, without a
12 passenger. The motorcycle instruction permit for a person
13 who is under seventeen (17) years of age shall be subject
14 to restricted hours of operation as provided in W.S.
15 31-7-110(h)(ii)(B) through (E).

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17 **31-7-114. Examinations; visual acuity.**

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19 (a) The division shall examine every applicant for a
20 driver's license and instructional permit and shall require
21 each applicant to demonstrate adequate visual acuity
22 according to department rules. The division's examination
23 shall include a test of the applicant's ~~eyesight, his~~

1 ability to read and understand official traffic control
2 devices, ~~his~~ and the applicant's knowledge of safe driving
3 practices, ~~and~~ the traffic laws of the state. ~~and~~ The
4 examination may also include an actual demonstration of
5 ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the
6 operation of a motor vehicle of the type or class of
7 vehicles to be driven.

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9 **31-7-119. Expiration and renewal; required tests;**
10 **extension.**

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12 (b) The division shall require every person applying
13 for renewal of a driver's license to ~~take and successfully~~
14 ~~pass a test of his eyesight~~ demonstrate adequate visual
15 acuity according to department rules. The division may
16 require any applicant to take and successfully pass any
17 additional tests or provide affidavits required or
18 authorized under the original application as the division
19 finds reasonably necessary to determine ~~his~~ the applicant's
20 qualification according to the type or class of license.
21 The written test for a hazardous materials endorsement
22 shall be taken and passed if the person wants to retain an

1 "H" endorsement unless the applicant's written test results
2 are less than two (2) years old.

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4 **Section 2.** Not later than September 1, 2020, the
5 department of transportation shall promulgate rules to
6 accomplish the purposes of this act.

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8 **Section 3.**

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10 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
11 section, this act is effective immediately upon completion
12 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided
13 by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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15 (b) Section 1 of this act is effective
16 September 1, 2020.

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18 (END)