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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Off-road recreational vehicles-safety and insurance.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring specified
2 insurance and safety equipment for off-road recreational
3 vehicles when operated on a public road right-of-way,
4 street, road or highway; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-952(e), 31-5-953(c),
10 31-5-954(a), 31-5-1601(a)(i) and (iv) are amended to read:

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12 **31-5-952. Horns and warning devices.**

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2 (e) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
3 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, mopeds and off-road
4 recreational vehicles ~~as defined by~~
5 ~~W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered pursuant to~~
6 ~~W.S. 31-2-232~~ operated pursuant to W.S. 31-5-1601.

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8 **31-5-953. Mufflers.**

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10 (c) This section applies to motorcycles, motor-driven
11 cycles, multipurpose vehicles, mopeds and off-road
12 recreational ~~vehicle as defined by~~
13 ~~W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that is registered pursuant to~~
14 ~~W.S. 31-2-232~~ vehicles operated pursuant to W.S. 31-5-1601.

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16 **31-5-954. Mirrors.**

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18 (a) ~~On or before January 1, 1986,~~ Every motor vehicle
19 including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, multipurpose
20 vehicles, mopeds and off-road recreational vehicles ~~as~~
21 ~~defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(K)(II) that are registered~~
22 ~~pursuant to W.S. 31-2-232~~ operated pursuant to
23 W.S. 31-5-1601 shall be equipped with a mirror mounted on

1 the left side of the vehicle and so located as to reflect
2 to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the
3 vehicle.

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5 **31-5-1601. Operation on highways.**

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7 (a) An off-road recreational vehicle may be operated
8 upon any public road rights-of-way, streets, roads or
9 highways within Wyoming subject to the following
10 conditions:

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12 (i) Off-road recreational vehicles may be
13 operated on main-traveled roadways only upon that portion
14 of a public road right-of-way, street, road or highway
15 designated open by the state, local or federal agency with
16 jurisdiction over the roadway and designated a Wyoming
17 off-road recreational vehicle trail pursuant to W.S.
18 31-2-701 through 31-2-707 by the department of state parks
19 and cultural resources. No portion of a public road
20 right-of-way, street, road or highway shall be designated
21 as a Wyoming off-road recreational vehicle trail by the
22 department without the consent of the state, local or
23 federal agency with jurisdiction over the roadway.

1 Off-road recreational vehicles operated upon roadways
 2 designated as trails shall be subject ~~only~~ to the user
 3 registration fee prescribed by W.S. 31-2-703 and proof of
 4 financial responsibility as provided in W.S. 31-9-402
 5 through 31-9-415 and shall not be deemed a motorcycle as
 6 defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(E)(I) and
 7 31-5-102(a)(xxii). Nothing in this paragraph shall be
 8 deemed to authorize the department to acquire or expand any
 9 public road right-of-way in order to accommodate the
 10 operation of off-road recreational vehicles;

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12 (iv) The off-road recreational vehicle shall be
 13 equipped with an adequate braking device that may be
 14 operated either by hand or foot, a horn pursuant to
 15 W.S. 31-5-952(a) and a mirror pursuant to W.S. 31-5-954(a);
 16 and

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 18 STAFF COMMENT
 19 As drafted, the insurance and safety features herein are
 20 required when operated on a public road right-of-way,
 21 street, road or highway. This bill draft does not require
 22 the insurance and safety features herein for operation on
 23 an off-road recreational vehicle trail.
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26 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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