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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Light and high profile vehicle closures.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highways; creating a penalty for  
2 violating signs and markers for closures to light and high-  
3 profile vehicles; requiring fines imposed to be paid by the  
4 driver of the vehicle at the time of the violation; and  
5 providing for an effective 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. 24-1-109(a) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (d) is amended to read:

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1           **24-1-109. Closing or restricting use; failure to**  
2 **observe signs and markers; exceptions.**

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4           (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this  
5 section, any person who willfully fails to observe any  
6 sign, marker, warning, notice, or direction, placed or  
7 given under W.S. 24-1-108 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and  
8 upon conviction thereof by any court of competent  
9 jurisdiction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than  
10 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or to imprisonment  
11 for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or to both  
12 such fine and imprisonment.

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14           (d) Any person who willfully fails to observe any  
15 sign, marker, warning, notice or direction placed or given  
16 under W.S. 24-1-108 for closure to light and high-profile  
17 vehicles is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction,  
18 shall be subject to a fine of not more than seven hundred  
19 fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than  
20 thirty (30) days, or both. The driver of the light and  
21 high-profile vehicle at the time of the violation of this  
22 subsection shall be liable, upon conviction, for any fine  
23 imposed under this subsection.

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STAFF COMMENT  
The Committee may wish to consider whether the bill draft should expressly state (as it is currently drafted) that the driver of the vehicle shall be liable for the fines. There are no other similar instances in Wyoming's statutes.

The Committee may wish to consider whether to include a definition of "light and high-profile vehicle" or give WYDOT rulemaking authority to define "light and high-profile vehicle." For a definition, the Committee could consider the weight, dimensions, and proportions of a vehicle. To LSO's knowledge no other state statute defines a "light and high-profile vehicle." The only definition found is from Section 10.12.020 of the City of Calabasas Municipal Code which defines a high-profile vehicle as "any vehicle which is six feet or more in height including any load thereon."

The Committee may wish to consider whether to increase the penalty. The penalty currently mirrors the penalty imposed under subsection (a) of this statute.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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