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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 violating signs and markers for closures to light and high-2 profile vehicles; requiring fines imposed to be paid by the 3 driver of the vehicle at the time of the violation; 4 5 specifying that a violation of a closure to light and high-6 profile vehicles disqualifies a person from driving a commercial vehicle; and providing for an effective date. 7 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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1 Section 1. W.S. 24-1-109(a) and by creating a new 2 subsection (d) and 31-7-305(a) by creating a new paragraph (x) are amended to read: 3 4

5 24-1-109. Closing or restricting use; failure to observe signs and markers; exceptions. 6

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8 Except as provided in subsection (d) of this (a) section, any person who willfully fails to observe any 9 10 sign, marker, warning, notice, or direction, placed or 11 given under W.S. 24-1-108 is quilty of a misdemeanor, and 12 upon conviction thereof by any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than 13 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or to imprisonment 14 for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or to both 15 16 such fine and imprisonment.

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(d) Any person who willfully fails to observe any sign, marker, warning, notice or direction placed or given under W.S. 24-1-108 for closure to light and high-profile vehicles is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and may be subject to imprisonment for

1	not more than thirty (30) days. The driver of the light and
2	high-profile vehicle at the time of the violation of this
3	subsection shall be liable, upon conviction, for any fine
4	imposed under this subsection.
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6	31-7-305. Disqualification and cancellation; right to
7	a hearing.
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9	(a) Any person is disqualified from driving a
10	commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than one
11	(1) year if convicted of a first violation arising from
12	separate incidents of:
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14	(x) Violating W.S. 24-1-109(d).
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18	STAFF COMMENT
19	The Committee may wish to consider the following changes
20	(in bold below) to apply the disqualification from driving
21	a commercial motor vehicle for violating W.S. 24-1-109(d)
22	to all CDL drivers instead of only to Wyoming CDL drivers.
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24	24-1-109. Closing or restricting use; failure to observe
25	signs and markers; exceptions.
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28	section, any person who willfully fails to observe any
29	sign, marker, warning, notice, or direction, placed or

30 given under W.S. 24-1-108 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and

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31-7-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xli) "Serious traffic violation" means:

(K) A violation of W.S. 24-1-109(d).

For the Committee's reference W.S. 31-7-305(f) is provided below. The definition of "serious traffic violation" is the same term listed in subsection (f).

(f) A person may be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than sixty (60) days if convicted of two (2) serious traffic violations or one hundred twenty (120) days if convicted of three (3) serious traffic violations, committed in a motor vehicle arising from separate incidents occurring within a three (3) year period.

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

1 2 (END)