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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Snowmobile registration and user fees.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural  
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; increasing annual  
2 registration fees for resident snowmobiles; increasing  
3 nonresident annual snowmobile user fees; creating a  
4 permanent registration for antique snowmobiles; providing  
5 definitions; making conforming amendments; requiring  
6 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 31-2-410 is created to read:

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STAFF COMMENT

This bill draft provides for the registration of antique snowmobiles and this section is modeled off W.S. 31-2-223, which provides for the registration of antique motor vehicles. While there was discussion of using the term "vintage snowmobiles" the term "antique has been used to maintain consistency between these categories of vehicles. The Committee may wish to consider which term to use in reference to the newly created category for snowmobile registration.

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31-2-410. Antique snowmobiles

(a) Antique snowmobiles may be registered pursuant to this section.

(b) The owner of an antique snowmobile shall register the snowmobile within thirty (30) days from the date of acquisition of the snowmobile by submitting an application to the department indicating:

(i) The owner has resided in Wyoming for at least one (1) year;

(ii) The snowmobile is owned and operated solely for the purposes of organized antique snowmobile

1 activities, parades, exhibitions, tours and other related  
2 activities and will not be used for general snowmobile  
3 uses.

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7 STAFF COMMENT

8 W.S. 31-2-223 provides for a ten (10) day timeline for  
9 registering an antique motor vehicle. This draft uses a  
10 thirty (30) day timeline to match the resident snowmobile  
11 registration timeline.

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16 (c) Upon receipt of the registration fee pursuant to  
17 W.S. 31-2-404(a)(iii), the selling agent shall issue to the  
18 owner for each antique snowmobile a certificate of  
19 registration, setting forth the facts in the application,  
20 together with a numbered decal which shall bear a  
21 distinctive number assigned to the snowmobile, which decal  
22 shall at all times be prominently displayed on the  
23 snowmobile. The registration expires upon transfer of  
24 ownership of the antique snowmobile.

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28 STAFF COMMENT

1 This subsection is modeled off W.S. 31-2-405, which  
2 provides for the issuance of resident snowmobile  
3 registration decals.

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8 Section 2. W.S. 31-2-401(a)(ii), 31-2-402(b),  
9 31-2-404(a), 31-2-405(a), 31-2-409(a)(ii),  
10 36-4-123(a)(intro), and 39-17-111(c)(ii) are amended to  
11 read:

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13 **31-2-401. Definitions.**

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15 (a) For purposes of this act:

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17 (ii) "Snowmobile" means any mechanically driven  
18 vehicle of a type which utilizes sled type runners, or  
19 skis, or any endless belt tread or combination of these,  
20 designed primarily for operation over snow. The term  
21 includes the following vehicle as hereafter defined:

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23 (A) "Antique" means any snowmobile that is  
24 at least twenty-five (25) years old and is owned solely as  
25 a collectors item.

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1           **31-2-402. Registration selling agents; application**  
2 **for registration.**

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4           (b) The department of state parks and cultural  
5 resources through the division of state parks and historic  
6 sites shall in accordance with W.S. 36-4-123, appoint  
7 selling agents to sell snowmobile registrations and user  
8 fees. Each selling agent shall retain one dollar (\$1.00)  
9 for each nonresident user fee sold under W.S.  
10 31-2-409(a)(ii) or for each resident snowmobile  
11 registration sold under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(i) or (iii).  
12 Designated department employees may sell snowmobile  
13 registrations and user fees, but no employee shall receive  
14 any commission on registrations or user fees collected.

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16           **31-2-404. Amount of fee; ad valorem tax exemption;**  
17 **disposition of fees; duties of department of state parks**  
18 **and cultural resources.**

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20           (a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-408, the annual  
21 registration fee for a resident snowmobile is:

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1 (i) For a snowmobile intended for private use  
2 ~~\$35.00~~ \$50.00 annually;

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4 (ii) For a commercial snowmobile ~~-\$105.00~~ \$150.00  
5 annually;

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7 (iii) For an antique snowmobile \$25.00 paid at  
8 the time of registration.

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10 **31-2-405. Payment of fees; issuance of certificate**  
11 **and decal.**

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13 (a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-410,  
14 resident snowmobile registration fees shall be paid before  
15 the expiration of thirty (30) days after acquiring  
16 ownership of a snowmobile which will be operated within the  
17 state of Wyoming. Upon receipt of the registration fee the  
18 selling agent shall issue to the owner for each snowmobile  
19 a certificate of registration, setting forth the facts in  
20 the application, together with a numbered decal which shall  
21 bear a distinctive number assigned to the snowmobile and  
22 the date of expiration, which decal shall at all times be  
23 prominently displayed on the snowmobile.

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2           **31-2-409. Snowmobile user fee; amount of fee;**  
3 **disposition of fees; account created; duties of department**  
4 **of state parks and cultural resources; duration of decal;**  
5 **exemptions.**

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7           (a) There shall be collected by selling agents an  
8 annual nonresident snowmobile user fee for nonresident  
9 snowmobiles operated in Wyoming as follows:

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11                   (ii) For any nonresident snowmobile not exempt  
12 under subsection (f) of this section ~~-\$35.00~~ \$70.00.

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14           **36-4-123. Selling agents for registrations, licenses**  
15 **and permits.**

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17           (a) The department of state parks and cultural  
18 resources through the division of parks and historic sites  
19 shall appoint selling agents to sell snowmobile  
20 registrations pursuant to W.S. 31-2-402 and 31-2-410,  
21 permits under W.S. 36-4-121 and other licenses,  
22 registrations and permits for which the department may by  
23 law be required to issue and collect fees. Selling agents

1 appointed under this section shall be bonded by the  
2 department, subject to the following:

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4 **39-17-111. Distribution.**

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6 (c) The department shall credit to appropriate  
7 accounts based upon deductions from the taxes collected  
8 under this article in the following order:

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10 (ii) Deduct an amount collected on fuel used in  
11 snowmobiles, computed by multiplying the number of  
12 snowmobiles for which registration and user fees have been  
13 paid during the current fiscal year under W.S.  
14 31-2-404(a)(i) and (iii) and 31-2-409(a)(ii) times twenty-  
15 eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$28.75) plus the  
16 number of gallons of gasoline used by snowmobiles for which  
17 registration fees have been paid during the current fiscal  
18 year under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(ii) times the current gasoline  
19 tax rate as defined by W.S. 39-17-104(a)(i). The number of  
20 gallons used by commercial snowmobiles shall be reported to  
21 the department by all businesses offering commercial  
22 snowmobile recreational leasing. The amounts computed shall  
23 be credited to a separate account to be expended by the



1 department of state parks and cultural resources to improve  
2 snowmobile trails in Wyoming;

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4 **Section 3.** The department of state parks and cultural  
5 resources shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement  
6 the provisions of this act not later than July 1, 2025.

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8 **Section 4.**

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10 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
11 section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

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13 (b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective  
14 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
15 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
16 the Wyoming Constitution.

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18 (END)