

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0041

Lightweight trailers-permanent registration.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the  
2 permanent registration of specified trailers; providing a  
3 fee exemption for permanently registered trailers;  
4 specifying requirements upon transfer of ownership; 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. 31-2-206(a) and by creating new  
10 subsections (n) through (q), 31-2-214(a)(intro) and by  
11 creating a new subsection (e) and 31-3-101(g) by creating a  
12 new paragraph (v) are amended to read:

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1           31-2-206. Annual renewal; delivery of license plates  
2 and stickers; staggered registration; permanent  
3 registration of lightweight trailers.

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5           (a) Except as otherwise provided vehicle  
6 registrations expire on the last day of the annual  
7 registration month. Renewals are effective for one (1) year  
8 beginning the first day of the month following the annual  
9 registration month. The initial registration for a vehicle  
10 in this state expires on the last day of the annual  
11 registration month in the following year. Except as  
12 provided in subsection (h) and in subsections (n) through  
13 (q) of this section, nothing in this section prohibits an  
14 owner from registering a vehicle for more than twelve (12)  
15 but less than twenty-four (24) months.

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17           (n) The owner of a trailer as defined in W.S.  
18 31-1-101(a)(xxiii) may permanently register the trailer  
19 upon payment of a fee in the amount of five hundred dollars  
20 (\$500.00) at the time of initial registration or payment of  
21 the fees under subsection (o) of this section, provided the  
22 trailer:

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1           (i) Is within the weight limits of W.S.  
2 31-3-101(a)(ii)(E)(I);

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4           (ii) Is not less than six (6) years old; and

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6           (iii) Is subject to registration fees under W.S.  
7 31-2-201.

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9           (o) Upon payment of the fees specified in subsection  
10 (a) of this section or this subsection the department shall  
11 issue a distinctive license plate indicating the permanent  
12 registration of the trailer. After payment of the fees  
13 under subsection (a) of this section or this subsection,  
14 the owner of a trailer that is permanently registered under  
15 subsection (n) of this section is not subject to additional  
16 registration fees for as long as the owner owns the  
17 trailer. If the one-time fee in the amount of five hundred  
18 dollars (\$500.00) is not paid, the fees for permanent  
19 registration of a trailer under subsection (n) of this  
20 section are:

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1           (i) A permanent registration state  
2 administration fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00);  
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5           (ii) An amount equal to five (5) times the  
6 applicable fees under W.S. 31-3-101(a) plus any donation  
7 amounts under W.S. 31-3-101(h) or (j). Any donated amount  
8 shall not be subject to the requirement to pay five (5)  
9 times the applicable amount.

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11          (p) The owner of a trailer that is permanently  
12 registered under subsection (n) of this section shall  
13 display the permanent registration license plate in  
14 accordance with W.S. 31-2-205 only on the permanently  
15 registered trailer for which the plate was issued, except  
16 when transferred pursuant to W.S. 31-2-214(e).

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18          (q) The permanent registration of a trailer under  
19 subsection (n) of this section shall not be transferred to  
20 a new owner. Upon transfer of a trailer that had been  
21 permanently registered under subsection (n) of this section  
22 to a new owner, the new owner shall be subject to all  
23 applicable title, registration and license fees under title

1 31, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2 and chapter 3 of Wyoming  
2 statutes for the trailer.

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4 **31-2-214. Transfer of ownership.**

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6 (a) Except as provided by subsections (b) through ~~(d)~~  
7 (e) of this section, upon transfer of ownership of a  
8 vehicle the registration of the vehicle expires and the  
9 original owner shall immediately remove the license plates  
10 from the vehicle. Within sixty (60) days after acquiring  
11 another vehicle for which the license plates would be  
12 proper, the original owner may file an application for the  
13 transfer of the license registration number to a vehicle  
14 acquired by him accompanied by the fees based on the amount  
15 which would be due on a new registration as of the date of  
16 transfer less any credit for the unused portion of the  
17 original registration fees for the original vehicle for the  
18 assignment of the plates to the recently acquired vehicle  
19 subject to the following:

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21 (e) Upon transfer of ownership of a trailer that had  
22 been permanently registered under W.S. 31-2-206(n) the  
23 permanent registration of that trailer expires and the

1 original owner shall immediately remove the license plate  
2 from that trailer. If within sixty (60) days after the  
3 transfer of ownership the original owner acquires another  
4 trailer for which the permanent license plate would be  
5 proper, the original owner may file an application for the  
6 transfer of the license registration number to the newly  
7 acquired trailer and the license plate may be transferred  
8 by the original owner to the original owner's newly  
9 acquired trailer. The original owner is not subject to  
10 additional registration fees for the transfer of the  
11 license registration number under this subsection.

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13 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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15 (g) Owners of the following vehicles are exempt from  
16 the payment of fees provided by subsections (a) and (b) of  
17 this section:

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19 (v) Trailers if permanently registered pursuant  
20 to W.S. 31-2-206(n) through (q).

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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