

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0114

Public assistance-eligibility.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Connolly, Harvey, Lindholm, Throne, Wilson and Zwonitzer, Dn. and Senator(s) Case, Craft, Pappas and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the personal opportunity with employment  
2 responsibilities (POWER) program; amending asset reporting  
3 requirements; amending allowable asset limitations; and  
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-2-109(b) and 42-2-202(d)(v) are  
9 amended to read:

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11 **42-2-109. Review of assistance and services;**  
12 **termination or modification; notice to department of change**  
13 **in assets.**

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1           (b) Upon gaining possession of any property, income  
2 or other ~~resources~~assets after receiving any public  
3 assistance and social services under this article, a  
4 recipient shall ~~immediately~~ notify the department ~~as he~~  
5 ~~becomes~~ not later than ten (10) calendar days after  
6 becoming aware of the change in circumstances. The amount  
7 of public assistance and social services provided to the  
8 recipient shall be accordingly terminated or modified  
9 pursuant to rule and regulation of the department. The  
10 department shall ~~allow the exclusion of one (1) duly~~  
11 ~~registered and licensed motor vehicle~~ exempt not more than  
12 two (2) licensed motor vehicles from personal ~~resources~~  
13 assets in determining eligibility for any household under  
14 the personal opportunities with employment responsibilities  
15 (POWER) ~~and supplemental nutrition assistance programs.~~  
16 ~~Married couples shall be allowed a second duly registered~~  
17 ~~and licensed motor vehicle~~ program.

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19           **42-2-202. Participation required; exemptions;**  
20 **disqualification of benefits.**

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22           (d) Benefits and eligibility requirements under the  
23 personal opportunities with employment responsibilities

1 (POWER) program shall be modified for assistance units  
2 under subsection (c) of this section as follows:

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4 (v) Excluding allowance for personal motor  
5 vehicles as specified under W.S. 42-2-109(b), the amount of  
6 ~~resources~~ assets an assistance unit may own shall be ~~two~~  
7 ~~thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)~~ not greater than  
8 five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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