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AN ACT relating to wildlife conservation; providing for voluntary donations to support wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system; requiring specified applications to allow for voluntary wildlife conservation donations; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-225(a)(iv) and by creating a new paragraph (vi), 31-2-231(b), 31-2-404(d) and (f), 31-2-409(c) and (h), 31-2-703(c) and (e), 31-3-101 by creating a new subsection (j), 31-7-104 and 31-7-111(b) by creating a new paragraph (xiv) are amended to read:

## 31-2-225. Application requirements; contents; weight certificate; title requirement; liability.

- (a) Applications for registration of vehicles shall be filed in the office of the county treasurer in person, by regular mail, or if available, electronically, in the county in which the owner of the vehicle resides or in any county in any other case and contain:
- (iv) Color of the vehicle at the time of registration; -and
- (vi) The option for the owner to donate an additional amount to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system.
- 31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates; wildlife conservation account.

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The fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be payable to the department and shall be accounted for separately. The fees collected under subsection (a) of this section and funds collected under W.S. 31-2-225(a)(vi), 31-2-404(f)(ii), 31-2-409(h)(ii), 31-2-703(e)(ii), 31-3-101(j) and 31-7-111(b)(xiv) shall be distributed to the wildlife conservation account within the state highway fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the wildlife conservation account shall only be used to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to transportation system, including signage, wildlife corridors, wildlife crossings and game fences.

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

- (d) Except as provided in this subsection, the fees forwarded to the department of state parks and cultural resources under this section shall be deposited in the snowmobile trails account created by W.S. 31-2-409(c) and may be expended by the department subject to approval by the legislature. All fees collected under subsection (f) paragraph (f)(i) of this section shall be deposited in the search and rescue account created by W.S. 19-13-301(a). All fees collected under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section shall be deposited in the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).
- (f) <u>Snowmobile registration forms shall contain information about the voluntary fees under this subsection.</u> In addition to the fees under subsection (a) of this section, persons registering snowmobiles in Wyoming may pay a voluntary fee:

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- (i) Of two dollars (\$2.00) or any greater amount to fund search and rescue activities: Snowmobile registration forms shall contain information about the voluntary fee under this subsection.
- (ii) Of any whole dollar amount to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system.
- 31-2-409. Snowmobile user fee; amount of fee; disposition of fees; account created; duties of department of state parks and cultural resources; duration of decal; exemptions.
- (c) There is hereby created a snowmobile trails account. Except as provided in this subsection, the monies collected under this section and forwarded to the department of state parks and cultural resources shall be deposited in the account created by this section and may be expended by the department subject to approval by the legislature for the administration of the snowmobile trails program. All voluntary fees collected under subsection (h) paragraph (h)(i) of this section shall be deposited in the search and rescue account created by W.S. 19-13-301(a). All fees collected under paragraph (h)(ii) of this section shall be deposited in the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).
- (h) Snowmobile user fee forms shall contain information about the voluntary fees under this subsection. In addition to the fees under subsection (a) of this section, persons paying a user fee for snowmobiles in Wyoming may pay a voluntary fee:

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- (i) Of two dollars (\$2.00) or any greater amount to fund search and rescue activities: Snowmobile user fee forms shall contain information about the voluntary fee under this subsection.
- (ii) Of any whole dollar amount to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system.
- 31-2-703. Required user registration fee; disposition of fees; duties of department of state parks and cultural resources.
- (c) There is created an off-road recreational vehicle trails account. Except as provided in this subsection, the fees received by the department of state parks and cultural resources under this article shall be deposited into the account created by this subsection and shall be expended by the department for the administration of the off-road recreational vehicle trails program. All voluntary fees collected under subsection (e) paragraph (e)(i) of this section shall be deposited in the search and rescue account created by W.S. 19-13-301(a). All fees collected under paragraph (e)(ii) of this section shall be deposited in the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).
- (e) Off-road recreational vehicle registration fee forms shall contain information about the voluntary fees under this subsection. In addition to the fees under subsection (a) of this section, persons paying a registration fee for off-road recreational vehicles may pay a voluntary fee:
- (i) Of two dollars (\$2.00) or any greater amount to fund search and rescue activities: Off-road recreational

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vehicle registration fee forms shall contain information about the voluntary fee under this subsection.

(ii) Of any whole dollar amount to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system.

#### 31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.

(j) Any owner of a vehicle who wishes to donate money to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system shall be provided space on the registration form to do so pursuant to W.S. 31-2-225(a)(vi). Revenues collected under this subsection shall be forwarded by the county treasurer to the state treasurer to be deposited into the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

#### 31-7-104. Disposition of fees.

Except as provided in this section, the license fees levied and collected under this act are payable to the department and shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the highway fund. The fees collected under W.S. 31-7-113(a)(x) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the motorcycle safety education account created by W.S. 31-5-1506. Funds collected under W.S. 31-7-111(b)(xiv) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the wildlife conservation account created by W.S. 31-2-231(b).

### 31-7-111. Application for license or permit generally.

(b) The application shall include:

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(xiv) The option for the applicant to donate an additional amount to provide for wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2020.

(END)

Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
Governor	
TIME APPROVED:	
DATE APPROVED:	
I hereby certify that this act original	inated in the Senate.
Chief Clerk	