

SENATE FILE NO. SF0038

Special license plates-organ donations.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Schuler and Baldwin and
Representative(s) Berger and Conrad

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;
2 authorizing specially designated license plates to be
3 issued to increase awareness of organ, eye and tissue
4 donation; specifying requirements; providing for
5 termination of the issuance of the special plates and
6 report of the termination; making conforming amendments;
7 and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-233 is created to read:

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13 **31-2-233. Organ, eye and tissue donation license**
14 **plates.**

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1 (a) Any person interested in increasing awareness of
2 organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation may
3 apply for and be issued distinctive license plates for any
4 motor vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or
5 multipurpose vehicle owned or leased by that person upon
6 registration of the vehicle. These license plates shall be
7 displayed upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

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9 (b) Application for, issuance and renewal of the
10 organ, eye and tissue donation license plates under this
11 section shall be subject to the same vehicle registration
12 requirements and fees as provided in this article in
13 addition to the fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii).
14 Application forms shall be available at all county
15 treasurer's offices and shall include space on the
16 application form to offer the option for the applicant to
17 donate one dollar (\$1.00) or more to promote awareness and
18 education efforts for procurement of organ, eye and tissue
19 anatomical gifts. Any monetary donation received under this
20 subsection shall be forwarded to the state treasurer to be
21 deposited into a separate account to be used as provided by
22 W.S. 35-5-225. Accompanying each application form provided
23 under this subsection shall be information and appropriate

1 materials to register as an anatomical gift donor. The
2 department may prepare any special forms and promulgate any
3 rules necessary to carry out this section.

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5 (c) The department shall arrange for production of
6 the license plates. The license plates shall bear a
7 distinctive symbol to raise awareness of organ, eye and
8 tissue donation and transplantation. The special license
9 plates shall be the same size and color as regular motor
10 vehicle license plates and need not include Arabic numerals
11 for the county but shall be designed so as to indicate the
12 motor vehicle owner's support for organ, eye and tissue
13 donation and transplantation.

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15 (d) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license
16 plates are issued under this section before December 31,
17 2031, the plates authorized under this section shall be
18 eliminated from production and not later than January 15,
19 2033 the department shall report the cessation of
20 production to the joint transportation, highways and
21 military affairs interim committee.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-212 and 35-5-225 are amended to
2 read:

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4 **31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of**
5 **registration, plates or validation stickers.**

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7 Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of
8 registration, license plate, or validation sticker the
9 owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of
10 registration, new license plates or validation stickers
11 from any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle
12 was registered or plates or stickers were issued by the
13 department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or
14 destruction, return of mutilated plates or stickers and
15 payment of the duplicate registration, plate or sticker
16 fee. For those vehicles registered under the provisions of
17 W.S. 31-2-213(h), 31-2-215 through 31-2-223, 31-2-226,
18 31-2-227 or 31-2-229 through ~~31-2-231~~31-2-233 replacement
19 duplicate license plates may be obtained upon application
20 with the county treasurer from which the original plates
21 were purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied
22 by fees as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate
23 license plates obtained under this section to replace lost

1 or stolen plates shall not be displayed on the vehicle
2 until the validation stickers on the lost or stolen plates
3 have expired. Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a
4 dealer plate or validation sticker the dealer may obtain a
5 replacement dealer plate or validation sticker from the
6 county treasurer from which he purchased the original plate
7 in the same manner as the owner of a vehicle and upon
8 payment of the appropriate fee under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi).
9 Obtaining a replacement plate is not the purchase of an
10 additional plate under W.S. 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon
11 application for new license plates or stickers the county
12 treasurer shall notify the department and the county
13 sheriff as soon as possible of the loss, mutilation or
14 destruction. The department shall notify the appropriate
15 law enforcement agencies of any loss, mutilation or
16 destruction of license plates or stickers.

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18 **35-5-225. Promotion of anatomical gifts.**

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20 Any money received from donations by owners of vehicles
21 under W.S. 31-2-233(b) or 31-3-101(h) shall be deposited
22 into a separate anatomical awareness account to be used by
23 the department of health and its advisory council to

1 promote general public awareness and education for the
2 procurement of organ and tissue donations for anatomical
3 gifts pursuant to this act.

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5 **Section 3.** The Wyoming department of transportation
6 shall make organ, eye and tissue donation license plates
7 available beginning on January 1, 2024.

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9 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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