

ENROLLED ACT NO. 47, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2023 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Application for, issuance and renewal of the organ, eye and tissue donation license plates under this section shall be subject to the same vehicle registration requirements and fees as provided in this article in addition to the fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii). Application forms shall be available at all county treasurer's offices and shall include space on the application form to offer the option for the applicant to donate one dollar (\$1.00) or more to promote awareness and education efforts for procurement of organ, eye and tissue anatomical gifts. Any monetary donation received under this subsection shall be forwarded to the state treasurer to be

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deposited into a separate account to be used as provided by W.S. 35-5-225. Accompanying each application form provided under this subsection shall be information and appropriate materials to register as an anatomical gift donor. The department may prepare any special forms and promulgate any rules necessary to carry out this section.

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

(d) Unless five hundred (500) sets of license plates are issued under this section before December 31, 2031, the plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from production and not later than January 15, 2033 the department shall report the cessation of production to the joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim committee.

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

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

Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of registration, license plate, or validation sticker the owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, new license plates or validation stickers

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from any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle was registered or plates or stickers were issued by the department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or destruction, return of mutilated plates or stickers and payment of the duplicate registration, plate or sticker fee. For those vehicles registered under the provisions of W.S. 31-2-213(h), 31-2-215 through 31-2-223, 31-2-226, 31-2-227 or 31-2-229 through ~~31-2-231~~ 31-2-233 replacement duplicate license plates may be obtained upon application with the county treasurer from which the original plates were purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied by fees as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate license plates obtained under this section to replace lost or stolen plates shall not be displayed on the vehicle until the validation stickers on the lost or stolen plates have expired. Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a dealer plate or validation sticker the dealer may obtain a replacement dealer plate or validation sticker from the county treasurer from which he purchased the original plate in the same manner as the owner of a vehicle and upon payment of the appropriate fee under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi). Obtaining a replacement plate is not the purchase of an additional plate under W.S. 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon application for new license plates or stickers the county treasurer shall notify the department and the county sheriff as soon as possible of the loss, mutilation or destruction. The department shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agencies of any loss, mutilation or destruction of license plates or stickers.

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

Any money received from donations by owners of vehicles under W.S. 31-2-233(b) or 31-3-101(h) shall be deposited into a separate anatomical awareness account to be used by

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the department of health and its advisory council to promote general public awareness and education for the procurement of organ and tissue donations for anatomical gifts pursuant to this act.

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

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk