

SENATE FILE NO. SF0029

Motor vehicle driver's license exemptions.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing exemptions
2 from commercial drivers' licensing requirements as
3 specified; amending commercial drivers' license exemptions;
4 providing a commercial drivers' license exemption for
5 recreational vehicles; making conforming amendments; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-7-109(d)(iii) and (h) by creating
11 a new paragraph (viii), 31-7-302(b)(intro) and
12 31-7-303(a)(intro), (i)(A) through (C), (ii) and (iii) are
13 amended to read:

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15 **31-7-109. Classes of licenses.**

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2 (d) Licensing classification plan:

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4 (iii) Class "C" consists of any single vehicle
5 or combination of vehicles, except motorcycles, that does
6 not ~~meet the definition of class "A" or class "B" vehicles~~
7 ~~under this subsection, but that is not designed to~~
8 ~~transport sixteen (16) or more passengers including the~~
9 ~~driver or is not placarded for transportation of hazardous~~
10 ~~materials~~ require a commercial driver's license. Any
11 person under the age of eighteen (18) is prohibited from
12 operating a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of
13 twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or more;

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15 (h) The following driver's license endorsements are
16 special authorizations permitting the driver to operate
17 certain types of motor vehicles or transport certain types
18 of cargo if the endorsement is displayed on the driver
19 license:

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21 (viii) "Z" authorizes the holder of a class C
22 license under subsection (d) of this section to operate a
23 vehicle or combination of vehicles which have a gross

1 vehicle weight rating of thirty-nine thousand one (39,001)
 2 pounds or more. An endorsement under this paragraph shall
 3 be issued only if the driver, as required by rule and
 4 regulation of the department, has completed a written test
 5 and:

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 7 (A) Has taken a skills test; or

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 9 (B) Has submitted an affidavit of
 10 competency signed by a person currently licensed to operate
 11 a vehicle of this weight or if the person held a class A or
 12 class B license under this article prior to July 1, 2015.

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 14 **31-7-302. Employer responsibilities.**

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 16 (b) No employer may knowingly allow, permit or
 17 authorize a driver to drive a commercial motor vehicle,
 18 unless exempted pursuant to the terms of this chapter,
 19 during any period in which the driver has:

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 21 **31-7-303. Exemptions.**

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1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act,
2 the department shall by rule and regulation grant an
3 exemption from the licensing requirements of this article
4 or ~~with~~ from the requirements of any rule or regulation
5 adopted pursuant to ~~the licensing requirements of~~ this
6 article to a class of persons or class of commercial motor
7 vehicles exempted by the secretary of the United States
8 department of transportation pursuant to title 49 of the
9 United States Code including:

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11 (i) A farm or ranch vehicle when:

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13 (A) Controlled and operated by a farmer or
14 rancher, including operation by employees or family
15 members;

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17 (B) Used in agricultural operations as
18 defined in W.S. 31-18-801(a)(i) and used to transport
19 either agricultural products, farm or ranch machinery, farm
20 or ranch supplies, or any combination of these items, to or
21 from a farm or ranch; ~~and~~

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1 (C) Not used in the operations of a
2 contract or common motor carrier;~~;~~ and

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4 (ii) ~~Firefighting equipment~~ Firefighters and
5 other persons who operate commercial motor vehicles which
6 are necessary to the preservation of life or property or
7 the execution of emergency governmental functions, are
8 equipped with audible and visual signals and are not
9 subject to normal traffic regulation. These vehicles
10 include fire trucks, hook and ladder trucks, foam or water
11 transport trucks, police special weapons and tactics team
12 vehicles, ambulances or other vehicles that are used in
13 response to emergencies;

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15 (iii) Individuals who operate commercial motor
16 vehicles for military ~~equipment operated by the department~~
17 ~~of defense, including the national guard, when operated by~~
18 ~~noncivilian personnel~~ purposes. This exception is
19 applicable to active duty military personnel, members of
20 the military reserves, members of the national guard on
21 active duty, including personnel on full-time national
22 guard duty, personnel on part-time national guard training,
23 civilian national guard military technicians who are

1 required to wear military uniforms and active duty United
2 States coast guard personnel.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-7-109(d)(i), (ii), (h)(ii), (iv)
5 and (vi) is repealed.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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