

SENATE FILE NO. SF0121

Rodeo license plate.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Hicks,
Kolb and Pappas and Representative(s)
Geringer and Wylie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;
2 authorizing specially designed license plates to recognize
3 rodeo as the official sport of Wyoming; specifying
4 requirements; authorizing fees; providing for termination
5 of issuance of the special plates; requiring a report upon
6 termination; authorizing rulemaking; making a conforming
7 amendment; specifying availability; and providing for an
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-234 is created to read:

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14 **31-2-234. Rodeo license plates.**

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1 (a) Any person interested in recognizing rodeo as the
2 official sport of this state pursuant to W.S. 8-3-119 and
3 supporting rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and
4 Wyoming community colleges may apply for and be issued
5 distinctive license plates for any motor vehicle that is
6 not a commercial vehicle owned or leased by that person
7 upon registration of the vehicle. These license plates
8 shall be displayed upon the vehicle for which they are
9 issued.

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11 (b) Application for, issuance and renewal of the
12 rodeo license plates under this section shall be subject to
13 the same vehicle registration requirements and fees as
14 provided in this article in addition to the fee required
15 under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii). Application forms shall be
16 available at all county treasurer's offices and shall
17 include space on the application form to offer the option
18 for the applicant to donate one dollar (\$1.00) or more to
19 support rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and
20 Wyoming community colleges. Any monetary donation received
21 under this subsection shall be forwarded to the state
22 treasurer to be deposited into a separate account. As soon
23 as possible after July 1 of each year, the state treasurer

1 shall distribute monetary donations received under this
2 subsection from the previous year evenly between the
3 University of Wyoming and each Wyoming community college
4 for purposes of supporting the rodeo programs at the
5 University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges.

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7 (c) The department shall prescribe the design of the
8 rodeo license plates authorized by this section. The rodeo
9 license plates shall be the same size as regular motor
10 vehicle license plates and need not include arabic numerals
11 for the county. The department shall include the following
12 language on the license plate: "Rodeo - The official sport
13 of Wyoming." The department shall arrange for production of
14 the license plates. Following initial approval, rodeo
15 license plates shall be subject to redesign on the same
16 schedule as all license plates beginning with the 2033
17 reissuance.

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19 (d) The department may prepare any special forms and
20 issue any rules and regulations necessary to carry out this
21 section.

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1 (e) Unless five hundred (500) sets of license plates
2 are issued under this section before December 31, 2031, the
3 plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated
4 from production and not later than January 15, 2032 the
5 department shall report the cessation of production to the
6 joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim
7 committee.

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-2-212 is amended to read:

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11 **31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of**
12 **registration, plates or validation stickers.**

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14 Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of
15 registration, license plate, or validation sticker the
16 owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of
17 registration, new license plates or validation stickers
18 from any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle
19 was registered or plates or stickers were issued by the
20 department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or
21 destruction, return of mutilated plates or stickers and
22 payment of the duplicate registration, plate or sticker
23 fee. For those vehicles registered under the provisions of

1 W.S. 31-2-213(h), 31-2-215 through 31-2-223, 31-2-226,
2 31-2-227 or 31-2-229 through ~~31-2-233~~31-2-234 replacement
3 duplicate license plates may be obtained upon application
4 with the county treasurer from which the original plates
5 were purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied
6 by fees as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate
7 license plates obtained under this section to replace lost
8 or stolen plates shall not be displayed on the vehicle
9 until the validation stickers on the lost or stolen plates
10 have expired. Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a
11 dealer plate or validation sticker the dealer may obtain a
12 replacement dealer plate or validation sticker from the
13 county treasurer from which he purchased the original plate
14 in the same manner as the owner of a vehicle and upon
15 payment of the appropriate fee under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi).
16 Obtaining a replacement plate is not the purchase of an
17 additional plate under W.S. 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon
18 application for new license plates or stickers the county
19 treasurer shall notify the department and the county
20 sheriff as soon as possible of the loss, mutilation or
21 destruction. The department shall notify the appropriate
22 law enforcement agencies of any loss, mutilation or
23 destruction of license plates or stickers.

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2 **Section 3.** The department of transportation shall
3 make rodeo license plates available beginning on January 1,
4 2026.

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6 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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