

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0066

Yellowstone license plates.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates;
2 authorizing distinctive Yellowstone National Park license
3 plates; specifying requirements; authorizing a fee;
4 creating an account; providing for termination of the
5 issuance of the distinctive plates as specified; requiring
6 a report upon termination; and providing for effective
7 dates.

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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. 31-2-230 is created to read:

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13 **31-2-230. Yellowstone National Park license plates.**

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1 (a) Any person required to register a vehicle in
2 Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply to the
3 department for a statement of eligibility for distinctive
4 Yellowstone National Park license plates for any motor
5 vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose
6 vehicle owned or leased by that person upon registration of
7 the vehicle. Upon payment by the applicant of a fee of one
8 hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) established and assessed
9 by the department, the department shall issue a written
10 statement of eligibility for Yellowstone National Park
11 license plates. The fee authorized under this subsection
12 may be increased annually up to the percentage increase as
13 shown by the Wyoming cost-of-living index as determined by
14 the division of economic analysis of the department of
15 administration and information.

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17 (b) The statement of eligibility application fee
18 collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be
19 payable to the department and shall be accounted for
20 separately. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) of each fee collected
21 shall be distributed to the Wyoming wildlife and natural
22 resource trust account created by W.S. 9-15-103(a). The
23 remainder of each fee collected shall be distributed to the

1 conservation and tourism impact account within the state
2 highway fund, which is hereby created. Funds in the
3 conservation and tourism impact account shall only be used
4 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of safety
5 rest areas and to defray costs incurred by the impact of
6 conservation and tourism upon public roads or highways.

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8 (c) Application for issuance and renewal of license
9 plates under this section shall be made directly to the
10 county treasurer at least thirty (30) days before
11 registration of the vehicle expires. Application forms
12 shall be available at all county treasurer's offices. The
13 fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany
14 each application. The license plates under this section
15 shall be issued by the county treasurer of each county and
16 shall be displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are
17 issued.

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19 (d) The department shall prescribe the design of the
20 Yellowstone National Park license plates authorized by this
21 section in consultation with the United States national
22 park service, which shall include an image of the bucking
23 horse and rider as described in W.S. 8-3-117. License

1 plates authorized by this section need not include arabic
2 numerals designating the county. The department shall
3 arrange for production of the license plates. Following
4 initial approval, Yellowstone National Park license plates
5 shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all
6 license plates beginning with the year 2025 reissuance.

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8 (e) The department may prepare any special forms and
9 issue any rules necessary to carry out this section.

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11 (f) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license
12 plates are issued under this section before December 31,
13 2023, the plates authorized under this section shall be
14 eliminated from production and the department shall report
15 the cessation of production to the legislature not later
16 than January 15, 2025.

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18 **Section 2.** The department of transportation shall
19 prescribe the design of the Yellowstone National Park
20 license plates authorized by this act and promulgate any
21 rules necessary to implement this act on or before January
22 1, 2018.

1 Section 3.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2018.

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(b) Section 2 of this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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11 (END)