

CHAPTER 113

Original Senate File No. 197

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECORDS

AN ACT to amend W.S. 31-19 relating to motor vehicle registration; providing the manner of recording the number of copies of registrations, the distribution thereof and the publication of registration lists; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-19 is amended to read:

31-19. Registration generally; exception for vehicles acquired from out-of-state dealers; distribution of receipts; preferential numbers.

(a) All owners or those acquiring ownership of motor vehicles prior to January 1 of each year subject to the state registration fee and the county registration fee herein required, shall make application for registration and pay the annual state registration fee required by W.S. 31-18, and the county registration fee herein required on or before March 1 of each year thereafter, and all others acquiring ownership of motor vehicles after January 1 of each year subject to payment of the state registration fee and county registration fee herein required shall make application for registration and pay the state registration fee and county registration fee within ten (10) days after acquiring ownership. All owners acquiring motor vehicles from out-of-state dealers shall make application for registration and pay the state registration fee and county registration fee within thirty (30) days after acquiring ownership. Upon receipt of any application for registration of a motor vehicle as provided in W.S. 31-16, the county treasurer shall file the application in his office and register the motor vehicle with the name and post office address of the owner, together with a description of the motor vehicle as given in the application. A permanent record of the registration shall be kept and known as the "automobile register". The county treasurer shall deliver one (1) copy to the owner. A copy shall at all times be carried in any commercial vehicle to which it refers or shall be carried by the person driving or in control of such vehicle who shall display the same upon demand of any peace officer. The county treasurer shall retain one (1) copy in his office, and he shall, within seventy-two (72) hours, forward a designated copy to the department of revenue and taxation. He shall forward the state registration fee so collected within thirty (30) days. Upon receipt of its copies of registrations the department shall file them and shall keep index files identifying the vehicles by the distinctive number assigned by the department, the name of

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the registered owner and the vehicle identification number. The index shall be a public record open to inspection by the public during reasonable office hours.

(b) The department may annually, following a renewal or registration, compile and publish a list of all registered vehicles and may thereafter compile and publish supplements thereto. The list of registered vehicles shall be arranged serially according to registration numbers assigned to the registered vehicles and shall contain the names and addresses of the registered owners and a brief description of each vehicle including the vehicle identification number.

(c) The department shall furnish a copy of such registration publications without charge to any law enforcement agency. All applications and records other than the record known as the "automobile register" may be destroyed by the county treasurer after two (2) years from the last day of each registration year. Application for special or preference numbers shall be made to the county treasurer. Commencing on January 22 of each calendar year, the county treasurer shall issue all registration numbers in consecutive order.

Section 2. This act is effective January 1, 1976.

Approved March 3, 1975.