

CHAPTER 127

LICENSE PLATE REPLACEMENTS

Original House Bill No. 11

AN ACT to amend W.S. 31-2-212, 31-2-213(b) and 31-3-102(a)(vi)(A); and to repeal W.S. 31-2-213(h)(iii) relating to license plates; authorizing duplicate license plates for plates which are lost, mutilated or destroyed as specified; extending period for which license plates may be used before replacement; repealing requirement of annual application for renewal of special handicapped license plates; providing fees for duplicate plates; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-212, 31-2-213(b) and 31-3-102(a)(vi)(A) 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 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. 31-2-206(b), 31-2-207 through 31-2-209, 31-2-213(h) or 31-2-215 through 31-2-217, 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)(A). 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. 31-2-301(f). 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.

31-2-213. DEPARTMENT TO SUPPLY REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES, PLATES AND STICKERS; REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS.

(b) The department may issue license plates, except dealer and antique motor vehicle license plates, which shall be valid for not more than ~~five~~ eight ~~(5)~~ (8) years if annual validation stickers are attached covering the original year designation on the plate. Department authorized license plates and annual stickers shall be of colors that are readily distinguishable from the previous year.

31-3-102. MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

(a) The following fees shall be collected for the instruments or privileges indicated:

(vi) Duplicate certificate of registration\$ 4.00

(A) New or duplicate license plates upon loss, mutilation
or destruction of initial plates\$ 8.00

Section 2. W.S. 31-2-213(h)(iii) is repealed.

Section 3. 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.

Approved February 23, 1995.