

# Wyoming Liberty Index

## 61<sup>st</sup> Wyoming Legislature ★ 2011 General Session

### **HB0208, Off-road vehicle registration-exemption.**

Sponsors: Representative(s) Shepperson and Eklund and Senator(s) Driskill, Schiffer and Scott

Aye votes: Representatives Barbuto, Berger, Blake, Blikre, Bonner, Botten, Brechtel, Brown, Buchanan, Burkhart, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Childers, Connolly, Craft, Davison, Edmonds, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Freeman, Gay, Gingery, Goggles, Greear, Greene, Harshman, Harvey, Hunt, Illoway, Jaggi, Kasperik, Kroeker, Krone, Lockhart, Loucks, Lubnau, Madden, McKim, McOmie, Miller, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Patton, Peasley, Pederson, Petersen, Petroff, Quarberg, Roscoe, Semlek, Steward, Stubson, Teeters, Throne, Vranish, Wallis and Zwonitzer, Dv.

Senators Anderson, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hicks, Hines, Jennings, Johnson, Landen, Martin, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Perkins, Peterson, Ross, Rothfuss, Schiffer, Scott and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Zwonitzer, Dn.

Signed by the Governor.

#### **Comments**

Exempts off-road vehicles used in ag from off-road recreational vehicle trail registration requirements. This bill carves out another exception for a favored industry. Now, a general exemption for off-road vehicles operated on private land, including leased government land, would be excellent.

This bill, at first look, is a step in the direction of liberty in that it recognizes the necessity of not regulating that which is necessary for the use of providing our food supply. On second look, however, why should one section of business be favored over another. Charging a license, or creating a regulation for any means of production only slows down the production. In this type of regulation, government has gone beyond its legitimate function of protection into control (regulation) in order to create revenue for its out of control size. This bill is a step in the right direction.

Weighted Rating: 0.50. Unweighted Rating: 0.50.

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