

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 168
2 INTRODUCED BY Scott M. Caldwell
3 BY REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTOR CARRIER IDENTIFICATION OF CERTAIN
7 LARGE MOTOR VEHICLES; DELETING THE REDUNDANT PENALTY
8 PROVISION; AMENDING SECTION 69-12-408, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN
9 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 **Section 1.** Section 69-12-408, MCA, is amended to read:

13 *69-12-408. Identification of ownership of certain
14 large motor vehicles. (1) (a) ~~No A person may not operate a~~
15 motor vehicle or combination of vehicles, except farm
16 vehicles, having a gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds
17 ~~shall operate~~ upon the highways of the state unless there
18 ~~shall be~~ is displayed on both sides of each vehicle operated
19 under its own power, either alone or in combination, the
20 name or trade name and ~~address--or--M.R.E.--or--I.E.E-~~
21 certificate city and state of or the name or trade name and
22 the public service commission, interstate commerce
23 commission, or department of transportation number of the
24 person or corporation under whose jurisdiction the vehicle
25 or vehicles is or are being operated.

1 (b) The display of name must be in letters in sharp
2 contrast to the background and in size, shape, and color
3 readily legible in daylight from a distance of 50 feet while
4 the vehicle is not in motion. ~~Such~~ The display shall must be
5 kept and maintained ~~in-such-manner-as~~ to remain so legible.
6 The display may be accomplished either by painting the
7 information on the vehicle or through the use of a decal or
8 a removable device, ~~so prepared as-to-otherwise-meet so that~~
9 it meets the identification and legibility requirements of
10 this section.

11 (2) This section ~~shall~~ does not apply to motor vehicles
12 being transported to dealers from point of manufacture or
13 from one dealer to another or when being demonstrated to a
14 prospect or delivered to a buyer from a dealer or a
15 manufacturer.

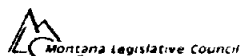
16 ~~(3)--Any--person--convicted--of--violating--this-section~~
17 ~~shall-be-guilty-of-a-misdemeanor-and-shall-be--punished--for~~
18 ~~each---offense---by--a--fine--of--not--more--than--\$100,--by~~
19 ~~imprisonment-for-not-more-than-1-month,-or-both."~~

20 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is
21 effective on passage and approval.

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SECOND READING

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INTRODUCED BY MCCULLOCH

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(2) This section shall does not apply to motor vehicles being transported to dealers from point of manufacture or from one dealer to another or when being demonstrated to a prospect or delivered to a buyer from a dealer or a manufacturer.

~~(3) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than \$100, by imprisonment for not more than 1 month, or both.~~

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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