

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

INTRODUCED BY REAM, HALLIGAN

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 1, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
FEBRUARY 2, 1991	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 20, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 21, 1991	PRINTING REPORT.
MARCH 7, 1991	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
MARCH 8, 1991	ENGROSSING REPORT.
MARCH 9, 1991	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 96; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 11, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 28, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 3, 1991	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 4, 1991	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.

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APRIL 9, 1991 RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 10, 1991 THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS

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REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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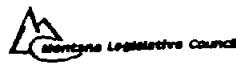
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0557, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

The bill provides a disabled veteran the option of receiving handicapped license plates, personalized license plates, or, if he or she was a prisoner of war, prisoner of war license plates.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The bill provides additional options for disabled veterans but retains the same basic fee schedule: \$25 for personalized license plates and \$5 for other special plates. It is assumed that this bill will have no impact on revenue or the overall expenses of producing personalized or special plates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

None.



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ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

DATE



2-8-91

ROBERT R. (BOB) REAM, PRIMARY SPONSOR

DATE

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
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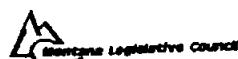
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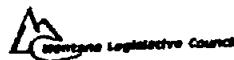
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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Highways and Transportation having had under consideration House Bill No. 557 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Bill No. 557 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

1. Page 3, line 19.

Following: line 18

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 5. Coordination instruction. If Senate Bill No. 191, including amendments incorporating into 61-3-332 provisions allowing a disabled veteran the option of receiving a handicapped license plate or, if qualified, an ex-prisoner of war license plate, is passed and approved:

(1) [sections 1 and 2 of this act] are void; and

(2) in 61-3-455, the code commissioner shall change

"61-3-451" to "61-3-332"."

Renumber: subsequent section

Signed:


Cecil Weeding, Chairman

Mar 28-91
Am. Coord.

SB 3-28 10:55
Sec. of Senate

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