# HOUSE BILL NO. 678

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FEBRUARY 7, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
FEBRUARY 8, 1991	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 15, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 16, 1991	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 23, 1991	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 25, 1991	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 26, 1991	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 97; NOES, 2.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.
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FEBRUARY 27, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
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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.

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  18 every--state-owned--vehicle--with--the-following-information
  19 contained-on-the-decal:
- 20 "Any-officer-or-employee-of--the--state--government--who
  21 uses----or--authorizes---the---use---of---any---state-owned
  22 motor-propelled--passenger--carrying--vehicle--leased-by-the
  23 motor-propelled--passenger--carrying--vehicle--leased-by-the
  24 state-government--for-other-than-official-purposes-shall--be
  25 summarily--removed-from-office-by-the-head-of-the-department

1 of-establishment-concerned:""

Section 8. Section 2-17-431, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-17-431. Costs. The department of highways, --motor

pool--division, may charge the individual state agencies

using the motor vehicles the actual costs for administration

and their maintenance, service, storage, and replacement."

7 Section 9. Section 2-17-432, MCA, is amended to read:

8 "2-17-432. Violation a misdemeanor ----dismissal. A
9 state officer or employee violating this part is guilty of a
10 misdemeanor and-upon--conviction--shall--be--dismissed--from
11 state-employment."

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