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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA EXPRESSING THE
7 UNDERSTANDING AND INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE WITH REGARD TO
8 PERIODIC MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION STANDARDS PRESENTLY BEING
9 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MOTOR VEHICLE
10 DIVISION.

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12 WHEREAS, the Forty-third Legislature enacted an act to
13 require motor vehicle inspections in the state of Montana
14 pursuant to requirements of Title 23, Section 402, U.S.
15 Code, and rules promulgated thereunder; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature directed in section 5 of that
17 act, now Section 53-1105, R.C.M. 1947, that a vehicle need
18 be in good condition and proper adjustment in accordance
19 with minimum applicable federal vehicle safety inspection
20 standards; and

21 WHEREAS, at the time the bill was heard in the Senate
22 Committee on Highways and Transportation, February 28, 1974,
23 committee members sought to ascertain what was meant by the
24 language in section 5 of the bill; and

25 WHEREAS, committee minutes show that the language in

1 question was considered a reference to guidelines contained
2 in "Vehicle in Use Standards" issued by the Department of
3 Transportation; and

4 WHEREAS, "Vehicle in Use Inspection Standards" now in
5 force are found in Part 570, Subpart A, of Title 49 Code of
6 Federal Regulations; and

7 WHEREAS, a preliminary draft of a Montana vehicle
8 inspection manual includes inspection items not found in 49
9 CFR 570; and

10 WHEREAS, some inspection items included in the draft
11 concern Montana statutory requirements that are enforced by
12 law enforcement agencies in Montana.

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14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
15 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

16 That, the Legislature understands and intends that the
17 provisions of Section 53-1105 shall be interpreted to mean
18 that a vehicle need only be inspected on those items in
19 force in 49 CFR 570.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature recognizes
21 and endorses the efforts made by the Montana Highway Patrol
22 and other law enforcement agencies in enforcing statutory
23 equipment requirements on motor vehicles and finds that such
24 continued efforts are sufficient to assure the continued
25 compliance with safety equipment laws.

REFERENCE BILL

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