

NEWS RELEASE

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THE JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD A SESSION TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATUS OF MONTANA'S STAGGERED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM. THE COMMITTEE DID FIND THAT THE NEW SYSTEM HAS DISTRIBUTED THE WORK OVER THE ENTIRE YEAR, RELIEVING THE PRESSURE AND LONG REGISTRATION LINES IN THE HIGHER POPULATED COUNTIES. HOWEVER, ONE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT DID SURFACE IN THE SESSION WAS THAT SOME COUNTIES ARE NOT ALLOWING OWNERS TO REGISTER MORE THAN ONE VEHICLE AT ONE TIME. THE LAW PASSED BY THE LAST SESSION OF LEGISLATURE STATES:

"The registrar shall provide for simultaneous registration of multiple vehicles which have common ownership regardless of their individual registration periods."

THE COMMITTEE ALSO CONTACTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT EVERY COUNTY TREASURER HAS A COPY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE REGISTRATION OF MULTIPLE VEHICLES.

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