

1 House BILL NO. 465  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Hagen Brand  
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February 20, 1975

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION  
AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 465

That House Bill No. 465, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend title, line 9.

Following: "DOLLARS;"

Insert: "providing an additional fee for registration of fifty (50) cents per year; providing that monies appropriated from the general fund for registration purposes shall be reimbursed from the motor vehicle account;"

2. Amend title, line 10.

Strike: "SECTION"

Insert: "sections 53-106 and"

3. Amend page 1, line 12.

Insert: "Section 1. Section 53-106, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"53-106. Number plates. (1) Every motor vehicle which shall be driven upon the streets or highways of this state shall display both front and rear a number plate, bearing the distinctive number assigned such vehicle. Such number plate shall be in eight series: one series for owners of motor cars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the motorcycle type, one for trailers, one for trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle type which shall bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER," one for franchised dealers in new motor cars (including trucks and trailers) or new and used motor cars (including trucks and trailers) which shall bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER," one for dealers in used motor cars only (including used trucks and trailers) which shall bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter "U" and the word "DEALER," and one for dealers in trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear the distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word "DEALER," and all such markings for the aforementioned kinds of dealers' plates shall be placed on the number plates assigned thereto in such position thereon as the registrar may designate. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be issued every other year, provided that number plates will next be issued in the year 1973 and in alternate years thereafter, shall bear a distinctive marking, and shall be furnished by the state. In alternate years the registrar shall provide nonremovable stickers bearing appropriate registration numbers which shall be affixed to the license plates in use.

(2) In the case of motor cars, number plates shall be of metal six inches wide and twelve inches in length, the outline of the state of Montana shall be used as a distinctive border on such license plates, and the word "Montana" with the year shall be placed across the bottom of the plate. Such registration plate shall be treated with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the registrar. An additional fee of ~~fifty-(50)-cents~~ one dollar (\$1.00) per year for each registration of a vehicle shall be added to the registration fee. Revenue from this fee shall be forwarded by the respective county treasurers to the state treasurer for deposit in the motor vehicle recording account of the earmarked revenue fund. Disbursements from the motor vehicle recording account shall be made by warrant drawn by the registrar. The distinctive registration numbers shall begin with a number one (1) or with a letter-number combination such as "A 1" or "AA 1," or any other similar combination of letters and numbers and be numbered consecutively for each series of plates. The distinctive registration number or letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle shall appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal base line, and the county number shall be separated from the distinctive registration number by a dash or a dot unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such numerals and letters shall be determined by the registrar of motor vehicles, provided that all county and registration numbers shall be of equal height.

(3) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings herein provided, number plates shall have thereon the following distinctive markings:

For vehicles owned by the state the registrar of motor vehicles may designate the prefix number for the various state departments, and all numbered plates issued to state departments shall bear the words "State Owned" and no year number will be indicated thereon as these numbered plates will be of a permanent nature, and will be replaced by the registrar of motor vehicles at such time when the physical condition of numbered plates require same. For vehicles owned by the counties, municipalities and school districts and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in line of duty as such, and for vehicles on loan from the United States government or the state of Montana, to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty as such, there shall be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, in such position thereon as the registrar may designate, the letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT." Distinctive registration numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the counties in the state and those of the municipalities and school districts situated within each of said counties shall begin with number 1 and be numbered consecutively.

(4) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and trailers, there shall appear the letter "T" or the word "TRUCK" for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" or the word "TRAILER" for plates assigned to trailers, and housetrailer, and the letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" for plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle type.

Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer or vehicle of the motorcycle type may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer or motorcycle type vehicle.

(5) For the purpose of this act, the several counties of the state shall be assigned numbers as follows: Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4; Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42; Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46; Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson, 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum, 55; Lincoln, 56; any new counties shall be assigned numbers by the registrar of motor vehicles as they may be formed, beginning with the number 57."

Renumber: subsequent section

4. Amend page 2, line 8.

Following: line 8

Insert: "Section 3. There is a new R.C.M. section that reads as follows:

Any monies appropriated from the general fund for the operation of the registrar of motor vehicles or for the manufacture of number plates shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the motor vehicle account, earmarked revenue fund, if there are monies in the account above the amount required for the normal operation of the registrar of motor vehicles."

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