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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT 5 REGISTRATION FEES AND THE REFLECTORIZATION FEE ASSESSED UPON 6 MOTOR VEHICLES BEING REGISTERED OR REREGISTERED DO NOT APPLY 7 IN THE EVENT A NUMBER PLATE IS TRANSFERRED TO A REPLACEMENT 8 VEHICLE; AMENDING SECTIONS 53-106, 53-122, 53-146, AND 9 53-147, R.C.M. 1947."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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

"53-106. Number plates. (1) Every motor vehicle which 14 15 shall be driven upon the streets or highways of this state 16 shall display both front and rear a number plate, bearing the distinctive number assigned such vehicle. Such number 17 plate shall be in eight series: one series for owners of 18 19 motor cars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the 20 motorcycle type, one for trailers, one for trucks, one for 21 dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle type which shall bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or the letters "MC" and the 22 word "DEALER," one for franchised dealers in new motor cars 23 (including trucks and trailers) or new and used motor cars 24 25 (including trucks and trailers) which shall bear the

distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER." one for dealers 1 in used motor cars only (including used trucks and trailers) 2 3 which shall bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter "U" and the word "DEALER," and one for dealers in trailers 4 5 and/or semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear the distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word 6 "DEALER," and all such markings for the aforementioned kinds 7 8 of dealers' plates shall be placed on the number plates 9 assigned thereto in such position thereon as the registrar 10 may designate. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be 11 issued for a minimum period of four years, provided that 12 number plates shall next be issued in the year 1976 and as 13 often thereafter as is consistent with the provisions of this section, shall bear a distinctive marking, and shall be 14 15 furnished by the state. In years when number plates are not 16 issued, the registrar shall provide nonremovable stickers 17 bearing appropriate registration numbers which shall be 18 affixed to the license plates in use.

19 (2) In the case of motor cars and trucks, number 20 plates shall be of metal six inches wide and twelve inches 21 in length, the number plates issued in the year 1976 to be 22 of a graphic design commemorating the bicentennial of the 23 founding of the United States of America, and the word 24 "Montana" with the year placed on the plate. For number 25 plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of

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L Montana shall be used as a distinctive border on such 2 license plates, and the word "Montana" with the year shall be placed across the bottom of the plate. Such registration 3 plate shall be treated with a reflectorized background 4 material according to specifications prescribed by the 5 registrar. An When a new plate is issued, an additional fee 6 7 of one dollar (\$1.00) per year for each registration of a 8 vehicle shall be added to the registration fee. Revenue from 9 this fee shall be forwarded by the respective county 10 treasurers to the state treasurer for deposit in the motor vehicle recording account of the earmarked revenue fund. 11 12 Disbursements from the motor vehicle recording account shall 13 be made by warrant drawn by the registrar. The distinctive registration numbers shall begin with a number one (1) or 14 15 with a letter-number combination such as "A 1" or "AA 1," or any other similar combination of letters and numbers and be 16 17 numbered consecutively for each series of plates. The distinctive registration number or letter-number combination 18 assigned to the vehicle shall appear on the plate preceded 19 20 by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal 21 order on the same horizontal base line, and the county 22 number shall be separated from the distinctive registration 23 number by a separation mark unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such numerals and 24 25 letters shall be determined by the registrar of motor

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vehicles, provided that all county and registration numbers
 shall be of equal height.

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

6 For vehicles owned by the state the registrar of motor 7 vehicles may designate the prefix number for the various 8 state departments, and all numbered plates issued to state Q departments shall bear the words "State Owned" and no year 10 number will be indicated thereon as these numbered plates 11 will be of a permanent nature, and will be replaced by the 12 registrar of motor vehicles at such time when the physical 13 condition of numbered plates requires same. For vehicles owned by the counties, municipalities and school districts 14 15 and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in 16 line of duty as such, and for vehicles on loan from the United States government or the state of Montana, to, or 17 18 owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated by 19 officials and employees thereof in the line of duty as such. there shall be placed on the number plates assigned thereto. 20 21 in such position thereon as the registrar may designate, the letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT." Distinctive registration 22 23 numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the 24 . counties in the state and those of the municipalities and 25 school districts situated within each of said counties shall

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1 begin with number 1 and be numbered consecutively.

2 (4) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of 3 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and 4 trailers, there shall appear the letter "T" or the word 5 "TRUCK" for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" 6 or the word "TRAILER" for plates assigned to trailers, and 7 housetrailers, and the letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" for 8 plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle type.

9 Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer 10 or vehicle of the motorcycle type may be transferred only to 11 a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer or motorcycle 12 type vehicle. <u>No registration or license fee may be assessed</u> 13 upon a transfer of a number plate under 53-146 and 53-147.

14 (5) For the purpose of this act, the several counties 15 of the state shall be assigned numbers as follows: Silver 16 Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Nissoula, 4; Lewis and 17 Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 18 19 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; 20 Chouteau, 19: Valley, 20; Tooles 21; Big Horn, 22; 21 Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; 22 Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; 23 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; 24 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; 25 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."

7 Section 2. Section 53-122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 8 read as follows:

9 \*53-122. Registration fees of motor vehicles --10 registration and transfer thereof -- public owned vehicles 11 exempt from license or registration fees -- license or 12 registration fees for trailers, house trailers, semitrailers 13 and tractors providing for disposition of all fees. 14 Registration or license fees shall be paid upon registration 15 or reregistration of motor vehicles, trailers, house 16 trailers, semitrailers and dealers in motor vehicles or 17 trailers in accordance with this act. as follows:

All dealers in motor vehicles, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00): which shall entitle such dealer to two (2) sets of number plates, and five dollars (\$5.00) additional fee for each additional set of number plates up to six (6) sets, and two dollars (\$2.00) additional fee for each additional set of number plates, as may be applied for;

24 Dealers in motorcycles, trailers including house 25 trailers, thirty dollars (\$30);

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1 Motor vehicles, weighing twenty-eight hundred and fifty 2 (2850) pounds, or under, other than motor trucks, five dollars (\$5.00); 3 Notor vehicles, weighing over twenty-eight hundred and 4 fifty (2850) pounds, other than motor trucks ten dollars 5 (\$10.00): 6 7 Electrically driven passenger vehicles, ten dollars 8 (\$10.00); 9 All motorcycles, two dollars (\$2.00); 10 Tractors and/or trucks, ten dollars (\$10.00); Buses shall be classed as motor trucks and licensed 11 12 accordingly: 13 Trailers and semitrailers less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds maximum gross loaded weight and house 14 15 trailers of all weights, two dollars (\$2.00); 16 Trailers and semitrailers over two thousand five 17 hundred (2,500) up to six thousand (6,000) pounds maximum 18 gross loaded weight, except house trailers, five dollars 19 (\$5.00); 20 Trailers and semitrailers over six thousand (6,000) 21 pounds maximum gross loaded weight, ten dollars (\$10.00); 22 Trailers used exclusively in the transportation of logs 23 in the forest or in the transportation of oil and gas well machinery, road machinery and bridge material exclusively, 24 new and secondhand, and trailers used exclusively for the 25

transportation of road machinery and bridge materials, shall 1 pay a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) annually, regardless 2 3 of size or capacity. All rates to be twenty-five per cent (25%) higher for 4 motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, when not equipped 5 6 with pneumatic tires. Bicycles with motor attachment, one dollar (\$1.00); 7 Tractors, as specified in this section, shall mean any 8 motor vehicle, except passenger cars used for towing a Q 10 trailer or semitrailer. If any dealer, or motor vehicle, house trailer, 11 trailer, or semitrailer is originally registered six (6) 12 months after the time of registration as set by law, the 13 registration or license fee for the remainder of such year 14 shall be one-half (1/2) of the regular fee above given. 15 A dealer in motor vehicles or trailers who shall 16 maintain more than one (1) place of business or who shall 17 18 maintain any branch establishment or establishments, must register and pay a registration or license fee for each such 19 place of business or establishment. 20 A registered dealer, who may sell or dispose of his 21 entire business to any other person, may have his 22 certificate of registration transferred to such purchaser 23 24 upon filing with the registrar of motor vehicles a statement

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under which such dealer is registered, the name of the ι 2 purchaser, and the location of the place of business so sold. Upon the filing of such statement, accompanied by a 3 filing fee of two dollars (\$2.00), the registrar of motor 4 vehicles shall note upon the registration record of such 5 dealer the change of ownership. But no certificate of 6 registration can be transferred unless the entire business 7 of the dealer holding such certificate of registration be 8 sold and disposed of, and no such certificate of 9 registration can be transferred to any person other than the 10 purchasers of such business. 11

12 The provisions of this act with respect to the payment 13 of registration fees shall not apply to or be binding upon 14 motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers or tractors owned 15 or controlled by the United States of America or any state, 16 county or city, but in all other respects the provisions of 17 this act shall be applicable to and binding upon motor 18 vehicles, tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

19 <u>The provisions of this section relating to the payment</u> 20 <u>of registration fees do not apply when number plates are</u> 21 <u>transferred to a replacement vehicle under 53-106(4)</u> 22 <u>53-146, and 53-147.</u>

All fees, other than license fees, unless otherwise
specifically provided, shall hereafter be deposited in, and
paid into, the earmarked revenue fund and shall be used to

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1 pay all salaries, operating expenses, and all other expenses
2 of the department of the registrar of motor vehicles,
3 including the manufacturer and delivery of license plates.
4 Any reference in this code to the motor vehicle recording
5 fund or the motor vehicle administration fund shall be taken
6 to mean the motor vehicle recording account in the earmarked
7 revenue fund.\*\*

8 Section 3. Section 53-146, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:

10 #53-146. Transfer of license plates to another motor 11 vehicle. Should the transferor make application for the 12 registration of another motor vehicle at any time during the remainder of the current registration year as shown on the 13 14 original certificate of registration, he may file an 15 application, in the office of the county treasurer where the 16 motor vehicle is taxable, upon a form to be prepared and 17 furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles, accompanied by 18 the original certificate of registration, for the transfer 19 of the license plates. The application for transfer of the 20 license plates from the motor vehicle for which originally 21 issued to a motor vehicle acquired by the same person in 22 whose name the original license plates were issued shall be 23 made within ten (10) days from date of acquiring the 24 vehicle. The use of the license plates shall not be 25 legalized until proper transfer of license plates has been

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2 Section 4. Section 53-147, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3 read as follows:

4 \*53-147. New registration required for transferred 5 vehicle--grace period--penalty--display of proof of purchase. Except as otherwise provided herein, the new owner 6 7 of the transferred motor vehicle shall have the grace period 8 of ten (10) days from the date of purchase to make 9 application and pay the registration--fees--and taxes as provided by section 53-114, as if the same was being 10 11 registered for the first time in that registration year. 12 and, provided the motor vehicle was not purchased from a 13 duly licensed motor vehicle dealer as provided in this 14 chapter, it shall not be a violation of this chapter or any 15 other law for the purchaser to operate the vehicle upon the 16 streets and highways of this state without a certificate of 17 registration during the ten (10) day period; provided, 18 however, that at all times during that period a bill of sale 19 or other proof of purchase reciting the date of purchase 20 shall be clearly displayed in the rear window of the motor 21 vehicle at all times. Registration and license fees 22 collected under 53-122 are not required to be paid when a 23 license plate is transferred under this section and 53-146. failure to make application within the time provided herein 24 shall subject the purchaser to a penalty of ten dollars 25

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- 1 (\$10), plus one dollar (\$1) for each additional day in which
- 2 the vehicle remains unregistered, not to exceed twenty-five
- 3 dollars (\$25). The penalty shall be collected by the county
- 4 treasurer at the time of registration, and shall be in

5 addition to the fees otherwise provided by law.\*

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Approved by Committee on Highways & Transportation mate BILL NO. 3/2 1 INTRODUCED BY 2 3 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT 4 REGISTRATION FEES AND THE REFLECTORIZATION FEE ASSESSED UPON 5

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distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER," one for dealers 1 in used motor cars only (including used trucks and trailers) z which shall bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter З "U" and the word "DEALER," and one for dealers in trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear the 5 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word 6 7 "DEALER," and all such markings for the aforementioned kinds of dealers' plates shall be placed on the number plates 8 assigned thereto in such position thereon as the registrar 9 may designate. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be 10 11 issued for a minimum period of four years, provided that 12 number plates shall next be issued in the year 1976 and as 13 often thereafter as is consistent with the provisions of 14 this section, shall bear a distinctive marking, and shall be 15 furnished by the state. In years when number plates are not 16 issued, the registrar shall provide nonremovable stickers 17 bearing appropriate registration numbers which shall be affixed to the license plates in use. 18

19 (2) In the case of motor cars and trucks, number 20 plates shall be of metal six inches wide and twelve inches 21 in length, the number plates issued in the year 1976 to be 22 of a graphic design commemorating the bicentennial of the 23 founding of the United States of America, and the word 24 "Montana" with the year placed on the plate. For number 25 plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of

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vehicles, provided that all county and registration numbers
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3 (3) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in
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For vehicles owned by the state the registrar of motor 6 7 vehicles may designate the prefix number for the various Ŕ. state departments, and all numbered plates issued to state departments shall bear the words "State Owned" and no year 9 number will be indicated thereon as these numbered plates 10 will be of a permanent nature, and will be replaced by the 11 registrar of motor vehicles at such time when the physical 12 condition of numbered plates requires same. For vehicles 13 owned by the counties, municipalities and school districts 14 15 and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in line of duty as such, and for vehicles on loan from the 16 17 United States government or the state of Montana, to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated by 18 19 officials and employees thereof in the line of duty as such, 20 there shall be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, in such position thereon as the registrar may designate, the 21 Z2 letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT." Distinctive registration numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the 23 counties in the state and those of the municipalities and 24 25 school districts situated within each of said counties shall

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begin with number 1 and be numbered consecutively. 1 (4) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of z the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and 3 trailers, there shall appear the letter "T" or the word 4 "TRUCK" for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" 5 or the word "TRAILER" for plates assigned to trailers, and 6 housetrailers, and the letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" for 7 plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle type. 8 Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer 9 or vehicle of the motorcycle type may be transferred only to 10 a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer or motorcycle 11 type vehicle. No redistration or license fee may be assessed 12 upon a transfer of a number plate under 33-146 and 53-147. 13 (5) For the purpose of this act, the several counties 14 of the state shall be assigned numbers as follows: Silver 15 Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4; Lewis and 16 Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 17 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 18 14: Lake. 15: Dawson. 16; Roosevelt. 17; Beaverhead. 18; 19 Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Tooley 21; Big Horn, 22; 20 Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; 21 Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; 22 23 Teton: 31: Stillwater: 32: Treasure: 33: Sheridan: 34; 24 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; 25 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;

Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46; 1 2 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson, 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum, 3 4 55; Lincolny 56; any new counties shall be assigned numbers by the registrar of motor vehicles as they may be formed, 5 beginning with the number 57." 6 Section 2. Section 53-122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 7 read as follows: 8 9 #53-122. Registration fees of motor vehicles ---

10 registration and transfer thereof - public owned vehicles 11 exempt from license or registration fees -- license or 12 registration fees for trailers, house trailers, semitrailers and tractors providing for disposition of all fees. 13 Registration or license fees shall be paid upon registration 14 15 or reregistration of motor vehicles, trailers, house trailers, semitrailers and dealers in motor vehicles or 16 17 trailers in accordance with this act, as follows:

18 All dealers in motor vehicles, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00): which shall entitle such dealer to two (2) sets of number plates, and five dollars (\$5.00) additional: fee for each additional set of number plates up to six (6) sets, and two dollars (\$2.00) additional fee for each additional set of number plates, as may be applied for; Dealers in motorcycles, trailers including house

25 trailers, thirty dollars (\$30);

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Motor vehicles, weighing twenty-eight hundred and fifty
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4 Notor vehicles, weighing over twenty-eight hundred and
5 fifty (2850) pounds, other than motor trucks ten dollars
6 (\$10.00);

7 Electrically driven passenger vehicles, ten dollars 8 (\$10.00);

9 All motorcycles, two dollars (\$2.00);

10 Tractors and/or trucks, ten dollars (\$10.00);

Buses shall: be classed as motor trucks and licensed accordingly;

13 Trailers and semitrailers less than two thousand five
 14 hundred (2,500) pounds maximum gross loaded weight and house
 15 trailers of all weights, two dollars (\$2,00);

16 Trailers and semitrailers over two thousand five 17 hundred (2,500) up to six thousand (6,000) pounds maximum 18 gross loaded weight, except house trailers, five dollars 19 (\$5.00);

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Trailers used exclusively in the transportation of logs in the forest or in the transportation of oil and gas well machinery, road machinery and bridge material exclusively, new and secondhand, and trailers used exclusively for the

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7 Bicycles with motor attachment, one dollar (\$1.00);

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11 If any dealer, or motor vehicle, house trailer, 12 trailer, or semitrailer is originally registered six (6) 13 months after the time of registration as set by law, the 14 registration or license fee for the remainder of such year 15 shall be one-half (1/2) of the regular fee above given.

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12 The provisions of this act with respect to the payment 13 of registration fees shall not apply to or be binding upon 14 motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers or tractors owned 15 or controlled by the United States of America or any state, 16 county or city, but in all other respects the provisions of 17 this act shall be applicable to and binding upon motor 18 vehicles, tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

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2 Section 4. Section 53-147, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3 read as follows:

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- 2 the vehicle remains unregistered, not to exceed twenty-five
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distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER," one for dealers 1 2 in used motor cars only (including used trucks and trailers) 3 which shall bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter "U" and the word "DEALER," and one for dealers in trailers 4 5 and/or semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear the distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word 6 "DEALER," and all such markings for the aforement:oned kinds 7 8 of dealers' plates shall be placed on the number plates assigned thereto in such position thereon as the registrar 0 10 may designate. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be 11 issued for a minimum period of four years, provided that 12 number plates shall next be issued in the year 1976 and as · 13 often thereafter as is consistent with the provisions of 14 this section, shall bear a distinctive marking, and shall be 15 furnished by the state. In years when number plates are not 16 issued, the registrar shall provide nonremovable stickers 17 bearing appropriate registration numbers which shall be 18 affixed to the license plates in use.

19 (2) In the case of motor cars and trucks, number 20 plates shall be of metal six inches wide and twelve inches 21 in length, the number plates issued in the year 1976 to be 22 of a graphic design commemorating the bicentennial of the 23 founding of the United States of America, and the word 24 "Montana" with the year placed on the plate. For number 25 plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of

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1 Nontana shall be used as a distinctive border on such z license plates, and the word "Montana" with the year shall 3 be placed across the bottom of the plate. Such registration plate shall be treated with a reflectorized background 4 5 material according to specifications prescribed by the 6 registrar. An When a new plate is issued, an additional fee 7 of one dollar (\$1.00) per year for each registration of a 8 vehicle shall be added to the registration fee. Revenue from 9 this fee shall be forwarded by the respective county treasurers to the state treasurer for deposit in the motor 10 vehicle recording account of the earmarked revenue fund-11 12 Disbursements from the motor vehicle recording account shall 13 be made by warrant drawn: by the registrar. The distinctive 14 registration numbers shall begin with a number one (1) or 15 with a letter-number combination such as "A 1" or "AA 1," or 16 any other similar combination of letters and numbers and be 17 numbered consecutively for each series of plates. The 18 distinctive registration number or letter-number combination 19 assigned to the vehicle shall appear on the plate preceded 20 by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal 21 order on the same horizontal base line, and the county 22 number shall be separated from the distinctive registration 23 number by a separation mark unless a letter-number 24 combination is used. The dimensions of such numerals and 25 letters shall be determined by the registrar of motor

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vehicles, provided that all county and registration numbers
 shall be of equal height.

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

6 For vehicles owned by the state the registrar of motor 7 vehicles may designate the prefix number for the various 8 state departments, and all numbered plates issued to state 9 departments shall bear the words "State Owned" and no year 10 number will be indicated thereon as these numbered plates 11 will be of a permanent nature, and will be replaced by the 12 registrar of motor vehicles at such time when the physical 13 condition of numbered plates requires same. For vehicles 14 owned by the counties, municipalities and school districts 15 and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in 16 line of duty as such, and for vehicles on loan from the 17 United States government or the state of Montana, to, or 18 owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated by 19 officials and employees thereof in the line of duty as such, 20 there shall be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, 21 in such position thereon as the registrar may designate, the 22 letter "X" or the word "EXENPI." Distinctive registration 23 numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the 24 counties in the state and those of the municipalities and 25 school districts situated within each of said counties shall

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1 begin with number 1 and be numbered consecutively. (4) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of 2 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and 3 trailers, there shall appear the letter "T" or the word 4 "TRUCK" for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" 5 or the word "TRAILER" for plates assigned to trailers, and 6 housetrailers, and the letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" for 7 8 plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle type. 9 Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer 10 or vehicle of the motorcycle type may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer or motorcycle 11 12 type vehicle. No redistration or license fee may be assessed 13 upon a transfer of a number plate under 53-146 and 53-147. (5) For the purpose of this act, the several counties 14 of the state shall be assigned numbers as follows: Silver 15 Bow+ 1: Cascade, 2: Yellowstone, 3: Missoula, 4: Lewis and 16 17 Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 18 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; 19 20 Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; 21 Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; 22 23 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; 24 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon, 39: Sweet Grass, 40: McCone, 41; Carter, 42; 25

Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46; Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson, 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Hineral, 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." Section 2. Section 63-122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "53-122. Registration fees of motor vehicles --registration and transfer thereof --- public owned vehicles exempt from license or registration fees --- license or registration fees for trailers, house trailers, semitrailers and tractors providing for disposition of all fees.

registration fees for trailers, house trailers, semitrailers 12 and tractors providing for disposition of all fees. 13 14 Registration or license fees shall be paid upon registration or reregistration of motor vehicles, trailers, house 15 16 trailers, semitrailers and dealers in motor vehicles or trailers in accordance with this act, as follows: 17 18 All dealers in motor vehicles, a fee of thirty dollars 19 (\$30.00): which shall entitle such dealer to two (2) sets of number plates, and five dollars (\$5.00) additional fee for 20 21 each additional set of number plates up to six (6) sets, and 22 two dollars (\$2.00) additional fee for each additional set 23 of number plates, as may be applied for; Dealers in motorcycles, trailers including house 24

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25 trailers, thirty dollars (\$30);

1 Motor vehicles, weighing twenty-eight hundred and fifty (2850) pounds, or under, other than motor trucks, five 2 dollars (\$5.00); 3 Motor vehicles, weighing over twenty-eight hundred and 4 5 fifty (2850) pounds, other than motor trucks ten dollars (\$10.00); 6 7 Electrically driven passenger vehicles, ten dollars 8 (\$10.00); 9 All motorcycles, two dollars (\$2.00); 10 Tractors and/or trucks, ten dollars (\$10.00); 11 Buses shall be classed as motor trucks and licensed

12 accordingly;

Trailers and semitrailers less than two thousand five
 hundred (2,500) pounds maximum gross loaded weight and house
 trailers of all weights, two dollars (\$2,00);

16 Trailers and semitrailers over two thousand five 17 hundred (2,500) up to six thousand (6,000) pounds maximum 18 gross loaded weight, except house trailers, five dollars 19 (\$5.00);

20 Trailers and semitrailers over six thousand (6,000)
21 pounds maximum gross loaded weight, ten dollars (\$10.00);

22 Trailers used exclusively in the transportation of logs 23 in the forest or in the transportation of oil and gas well 24 machinery, road machinery and bridge material exclusively, 25 new and secondhand, and trailers used exclusively for the transportation of road machinery and bridge materials, shall
 pay a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) annually, regardless
 of size or capacity.

All rates to be twenty-five per cent (25%) higher for motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, when not equipped with pneumatic tires.

7 Bicycles with motor attachment, one dollar (\$1.00);

8 Tractors, as specified in this section, shall mean any 9 motor vehicle, except passenger cars used for towing a 10 trailer or semitrailer.

11 If any dealer, or motor vehicle, house trailer, 12 trailer, or semitrailer is originally registered six (6) 13 months after the time of registration as set by law, the 14 registration or license fee for the remainder of such year 15 shall be one-half (1/2) of the regular fee above given.

16 A dealer in motor vehicles or trailers who shall 17 maintain more than one (1) place of business or who shall 18 maintain any branch establishment or establishments, must 19 register and pay a registration or license fee for each such 20 place of business or establishment.

21 A registered dealer, who may sell or dispose of his 22 entire business to any other person, may have his 23 certificate of registration transferred to such purchaser 24 upon filing with the registrar of motor vehicles a statement 25 containing the name of the registered dealer, the number

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1 under which such dealer is registered, the name of the purchaser, and the location of the place of business so Z sold. Upon the filing of such statement, accompanied by a 3 filing fee of two dollars (\$2.00), the registrar of motor 4 vehicles shall note upon the registration record of such 5 dealer the change of ownership. But no certificate of 6 registration can be transferred unless the entire business 7 of the dealer holding such certificate of registration be 8 sold and disposed of, and no such certificate of 9 registration can be transferred to any person other than the 10 purchasers of such business. 11

12 The provisions of this act with respect to the payment 13 of registration fees shall not apply to or be binding upon 14 motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers or tractors owned 15 or controlled by the United States of America or any state, 16 county or city, but in all other respects the provisions of 17 this act shall be applicable to and binding upon motor 18 vehicles, tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

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 The provisions of this section relating to the payment

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 of registration fees do not apply when number plates are

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 transferred to a replacement vehicle under 53-106(4).

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All fees, other than license fees, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall hereafter be deposited in, and paid into, the earmarked revenue fund and shall be used to LC 0602/01

ł	pay all salaries, operating expenses, and all other expenses
2	of the department of the registrar of motor vehicles,
3	including the manufacturer and delivery of license plates.
4	Any reference in this code to the motor vehicle recording
5	fund or the motor vehicle administration fund shall be taken
6	to mean the motor vehicle recording account in the earmarked
7	revenue fund."
8	Section 3. Section 53-146, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
9	read as follows:
10	#53-146. Transfer of license plates to another motor
11	vehicle. Should the transferor make application for the
12	registration of another motor vehicle at any time during the
13	remainder of the current registration year <u>as shown, on the</u>
14	original certificate of régistration, he may file an
15	application, in the office of the county treasurer where the
16	motor vehicle is taxable, upon a form to be prepared and
17	furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles, accompanied by
18	the original certificate of registration, for the transfer
19	of the license plates. The application for transfer of the
20	license plates from the motor vehicle:for which originally
21	issued to a motor vehicle acquired by the same person in
22	whose name the original license plates were issued shall be
23	made within ten (10) days from date of acquiring the
24	vehicle. The use of the license plates shall not be
25	legalized until proper transfer of license plates has been

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2 Section 4. Section 53-147, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3 read as follows:

4 #53-147. New registration required for transferred 5 vehicle--orace period--penalty--display of proof of 6 purchase. Except as otherwise provided herein, the new owner 7 of the transferred motor vehicle shall have the grace period 8 of ten (10) days from the date of purchase to make 9 application and pay the registration--fees--and taxes as 10 provided by section 53-214, as if the same was being 11 registered for the first time in that registration year, and, provided the motor vehicle was not purchased from a 12 13 duly licensed motor vehicle dealer as provided in this 14 chapter, it shall not be a violation of this chapter or any 15 other law for the purchaser to operate the vehicle upon the streets and highways of this state without a certificate of 16 17 registration during the ten (10) day period; provided. however, that at all times during that period a bill of sale 18 19 or other proof of purchase reciting the date of purchase 20 shall be clearly displayed in the rear window of the motor 21 vehicle at all times. <u>Registration and license</u> fees 22 collected under 53-122 are not required to be paid when a **Z**3 license plate is transferred under this section and 53-146. 24 Failure to make application within the time provided herein 25 shall subject the purchaser to a penalty of ten dollars 4

- (\$10), plus one dollar (\$1) for each additional day in which
- 2 the vehicle remains unregistered, not to exceed twenty-five
- 3 dollars (\$25). The penalty shall be collected by the county
- 4 treasurer at the time of registration, and shall be in

5 addition to the fees otherwise provided by law."

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SENATE BILL NO. 312 1 INTRODUCED BY GRAHAM 2 3 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: MAN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT 4 REGISTRATION FEES AND THE REFLECTORIZATION FEE ASSESSED UPON 5 MOTOR VEHICLES BEING REGISTERED OR REREGISTERED DO NOT APPLY Ó 7 IN THE EVENT A NUMBER PLATE IS TRANSFERRED TO A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE: AMENDING SECTIONS 53-106, 53-122, 53-146, AND в 9 53-147, R.C.M. 1947."

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11BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:12Section 1. Section 53-106, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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distinctive letter \*D\* or the word \*DEALER,\* one for dealers 1 in used motor cars only (including used trucks and trailers) 2 which shall bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter 4 4 "U" and the word "DEALER," and one for dealers in trailers 5 and/or semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear the distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word 6 7 "DEALER," and all such markings for the aforementioned kinds R of dealers plates shall be placed on the number plates 9 assigned thereto in such position thereon as the remistrar 10 may designate. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be 11 issued for a minimum period of four years, provided that 12 number plates shall next be issued in the year 1976 and as 13 often thereafter as is consistent with the provisions of 14 this section, shall bear a distinctive marking, and shall be 15 furnished by the state. In years when number plates are not 10 issued, the registrar shall provide nonremovable stickers 17 bearing appropriate registration numbers which shall be affixed to the license plates in use. 18

19 (2) In the case of motor cars and trucks, number 20 plates shall be of metal six inches wide and twelve inches 21 in length, the number plates issued in the year 1976 to be 22 of a graphic design commemorating the bicentennial of the 23 founding of the United States of America, and the word 24 "Montana" with the year placed on the plate. For number 25 plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of

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6 For vehicles owned by the state the registrar of motor 7 vehicles may designate the prefix number for the various 8 state departments, and all numbered plates issued to state 9 departments shall bear the words "State Owned" and no year 10 number will be indicated thereon as these numbered plates will be of a permanent nature, and will be replaced by the 11 12 registrar of motor vehicles at such time when the physical 13 condition of numbered plates requires same. For vehicles 14 owned by the counties, municipalities and school districts 15 and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in line of duty as such. and for vehicles on loan from the 15 United States government or the state of Montana, to, or 17 18 owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty as such, 19 20 there shall be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, 21 in such position thereon as the registrar may designate, the 22 letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT." Distinctive registration 23 numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the counties in the state and those of the municipalities and 24 25 school districts situated within each of said counties shall

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begin with number 1 and be numbered consecutively. 1 2 (4) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and 3 trailers, there shall appear the letter "T" or the word 4 "TRUCK" for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" 5 or the word "TRAILER" for plates assigned to trailers, and 6 housetrailers, and the letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" for 7 plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle type. 8 Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer 9 10 or vehicle of the motorcycle type may be transferred only to 11 a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer or motorcycle type vehicle. No registration or license fee may be assessed 12 upon a transfer of a number plate under 53-146 and 53-147. 13 14 (5) For the purpose of this act, the several counties 15 of the state shall be assigned numbers as follows: Silver 16 Bow, 1: Cascade, 2: Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4; Lewis and 17 Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 18 19 14: Lake, 15: Dawson, 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; 20 Chouteau. 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; 21 Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; 22 Teton, 31: Stillwater, 32: Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; 25 24 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42; 25

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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.\*
 Section 2. Section 53-122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

8 read as follows: 9 \*53-122. Registration fees of motor vehicles -registration and transfer thereof --- public owned vehicles 10 11 exempt from license or registration fees -- license or 12 registration fees for trailers, house trailers, semitrailers 13 and tractors providing for disposition of all fees. 14 Registration or license fees shall be paid upon registration 15 or reregistration of motor vehicles, trailers, house 16 trailers, semitrailers and dealers in motor vehicles or

All dealers in motor vehicles, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00): which shall entitle such dealer to two (2) sets of number plates, and five dollars (\$5.00) additional fee for each additional set of number plates up to six (6) sets, and two dollars (\$2.00) additional fee for each additional set of number plates, as may be applied for; Dealers in motorcycles, trailers including house

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11 If any dealer, or motor vehicle, house trailer, 12 trailer, or semitrailer is originally registered six (6) 13 months after the time of registration as set by law, the 14 registration or license fee for the remainder of such year 15 shall be one-half (1/2) of the regular fee above given.

16 A dealer in motor vehicles or trailers who shall 17 maintain more than one (1) place of business or who shall 18 maintain any branch establishment or establishments, must 19 register and pay a registration or license fee for each such 20 place of business or establishment.

A registered dealer, who may sell or dispose of his entire business to any other person, may have his certificate of registration transferred to such purchaser upon filing with the registrar of motor vehicles a statement containing the name of the registered dealer, the number

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12 The provisions of this act with respect to the payment 13 of registration fees shall not apply to or be binding upon 14 motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers or tractors owned 15 or controlled by the United States of America or any state, 16 county or city, but in all other respects the provisions of 17 this act shall be applicable to and binding upon motor 18 vehicles, tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

19 The provisions of this section relating to the payment
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pay all salaries, operating expenses, and all other expenses of the department of the registrar of motor vehicles, including the manufacturer and delivery of license plates. Any reference in this code to the motor vehicle recording fund or the motor vehicle administration fund shall be taken

6 to mean the motor vehicle recording account in the earmarked 7 revenue fund.\*

8 Section 3. Section 53-146, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:

10 #53-146. Transfer of license plates to another motor 11 vehicle. Should the transferor make application for the 12 registration of another motor vehicle at any time during the 13 remainder of the current registration year as shown on the original certificate of registration, he may file an 14 15 application, in the office of the county treasurer where the motor vehicle is taxable, upon a form to be prepared and 16 17 furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles, accompanied by 18 the original certificate of registration, for the transfer 19 of the license plates. The application for transfer of the 20 license plates from the motor vehicle for which originally 21 issued to a motor vehicle acquired by the same person in 22 whose name the original license plates were issued shall be 23 made within ten (10) days from date of acquiring the 24 vehicle. The use of the license plates shall not be legalized until proper transfer of license plates has been 25

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# 1 made."

2 Section 4. Section 53-147, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3 read as follows:

\*53-147. New registration required for transferred 4 vehicle -- grace period -- penalty--display of proof of 5 purchase. Except as otherwise provided herein, the new owner 6 7 of the transferred motor vehicle shall have the grace period 8 of ten (10) days from the date of purchase to make 9 application and pay the <del>registration-fees-and</del> taxes as 10 provided by section 53-114, as if the same was being 11 registered for the first time in that registration year. 12 and, provided the motor vehicle was not purchased from a 13 duly licensed motor vehicle dealer as provided in this 14 chapter, it shall not be a violation of this chapter or any 15 other law for the purchaser to operate the vehicle upon the streets and highways of this state without a certificate of 16 17 registration during the ten (10) day period; provided, 18 however, that at all times during that period a bill of sale or other proof of purchase reciting the date of purchase 19 20 shall be clearly displayed in the rear window of the motor 21 vehicle at all times. Registration and license fees 22 collected under 53-122 are not required to be paid when a 23 license plate is transferred under this section and 53-146. Failure to make application within the time provided herein 24 25 shall subject the purchaser to a penalty of ten dollars

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- 1 (\$10), plus one dollar (\$1) for each additional day in which
- 2 the vehicle remains unregistered, not to exceed twenty-five
- 3 dollars (\$25). The penalty shall be collected by the county
- 4 treasurer at the time of registration, and shall be in
- addition to the fees otherwise provided by law."

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