
a bill for an act entitled: man act to provide that registration fees and the reflectorization fee assessed upon motor vehicles being registered or reregistered do not mpply in the event a number plate is transferred to a replacement VEHICLE; AMENDING SECTIONS 53-106, 53-122, 53-146, AND 53-147, R.C.M. 1947."
be it enacteo by the legislature of the state of montana:
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 shalz be in eight series: one series for owners of motor carsp 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 "ACD" or the letters MMC* 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


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distinctive letter " $D^{\prime \prime}$ or the word "DEALER," one for dealers in used motor cars only (including used trucks and trailers) which shall bear the distinctive letters "uo" or the letter "U* and the word MDEALER," and one for dealers in trailers andfor semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear the distinctive letters mofrm or the letters "JR" and the word mDEALER," 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 for a minimum period of four yearsp provided that number plates shall next be issued in the year 1976 and as often thereafter as is consistent with the provisions of this section, shall bear a distinctive marking, and shall be furnished by the state. In years when number plates are not issued, 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 and trucks, number plates shall be of metal six inches wide and twelve inches in length, the number plates issued in the year 2976 to be of a graphic design commemorating the bicentennjal of the founding of the United States of Americap and the word montana" with the year placed on the plate. For number plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of


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Montana shall be used as a distinctive border on such Jicense plates; and the word montanam 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 then_a_ney olate_is issueds an additional fee of 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 earmariked revenue funde 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 fetter-number conbination such as "A 1" or man 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 separation mark 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 0wned" and no year number will be indicated thereon as these numbered plates will de of a permanent nature and will be replaced by the registrar of motor vehicles at such time when the physical condition of numbered plates requires same. for vehicles owned by the counties, municipalities and school districts and used and operated by officidis and employees tnereof in line of duty as such, and for vehicles on loan from the United States government or the state of Montanay 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 "ExEMPI." 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 vebicles of the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and trailers, there shall appear the letter "Tw or the word "TRUCK* for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" or the word "TRaILER" for plates assigned to trailers, and housetrailers, and the letters "HC" or the word "CYCLE" for plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle type.
Number plates issued to a passenger cary truck, trailer or venicle of the motorcycle type may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer or motorcycle type vehicle. No registrafion or licensefef may be assessed upon a transfer of a number olate under 53-146 and 53-147.
(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; Galtatin. 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8 ; Powder River. 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, ili Hill. 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer. 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt. 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteaur 19; Valley, 20; Tooter 21; 3ig Horn, 22: Musselshelly 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Ponderay 26i Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Ireasurer 33; Sheridan. 34; Sanders, 35; Judith Easint 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;

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Broadwater, 43; wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
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by the registrar of motor vehicles as they may be formed,
beginning with the number 5T."
    Section 2. Section 53-122; R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
read as follows:
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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 or #icense fees shall be paid upon registration
or reregistration of motor vehicles, trailers, house
trailers, semitrailers and dealers in motor vehicles or
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 (s5.00) additional fee for
each additional set of number plates up to six (\delta) 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 nouse
trailers, thirty dollars ($30);
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Motor vehicles, weighing twenty-eight hundred and fifty (2850) pounds, or under, other than motor trucks, five dollars ( 55.00$) ;$

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

Electfically driven passenger vehicles, ten dollars ( 510.00 );

All motorcycles, two dollars (52.00);
Tractors andfor trucks, ten dollars (\$10.00);
Buses shall be classed as motor trucks and licensed 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);

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

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

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
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.

Bicycles with motor attachment, one dollar (\$1.00);
Tractors, as specified in this section, shall mean any motar venicle, except passenger cars used for towing a trailer or semitrailer.

If any dealer, or motor vehicle, house trailery traijer, or semitrailer is originally registered six (6) months after the time of registration as set by law the registration or license fee for the remainder of such year shal be one-half (1/2) of the regular fee above given-

A dealer in motor vehicles or trailers who shall maintain more than on (1) place of ousiness or who shall maintain any branch establishment or establishments, must register and pay a registration or license fee for each suci 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 tupon filing with the registrar of motor venicles a statement containing the name of the registered dealer, the number
under which such dealer is registered, the name of the purchaser. and the location of the place of business so sold. Upon the filing of such statement, accompanied by a fiting fee of two dolizars $(\$ 2.00)$, the registrar of motor vehicles shall note upon the registration record of such dealer the change of ownership. But no certificate of registration can be transferred unless the entire business of the dealer holding such certificate of registration be sold and disposed of, and no such certificate of registration can be transferred to any person other than the purchasers of such business.

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

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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
to mean the motor vahicle recording account in the earmarked
revenue fund.=
Section 3. Section 53-146. R-C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
-53-146. Transfer of ificense plates to another motar vehicle. Should the transferor make application for the registration of another motor vehicle at any time during the remainder of the current registration year as_shown_on the original certificate of registration, he may file an application, in the office of the county treasurer where the motor vehicle is taxable, upon a form to be prepared and furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles, accompanied by the original certificate of registration, for the transfer of the ricense plates. The application for transfer of the license plates from the motor vehicle for which originally issued to a motor vehicle acquired by the same person in whose name the original license plates were issued shall be made within ten (10) days from date of acquiring the vehicle. The use of the license plates shall not be legalized until proper transfer of license plates has been
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    Section 4. Section 53-147, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
read as follows:
    *53-147. New registration required for transferred
vehicle--grace period--penalty--display of proof of
purchase. Except as otherwise provided herein, the new owner
of the transferred motor vehicle shall have the grace period
of ten (10) days from the date of purchase to make
application and pay the registration--fees-and taxes as
provided by section 53-114, as if the same was being
registered for the first time in that registration year.
and, provided the motor vehicle was not purchased from a
duly licensed motor vehicle dealer as provided in this
chapter, it shall not be a violation of this chapter or any
other law for the purchaser to operate the vehicle upon the streets and highways of this state without a certificate of registration during the ten (lo\} day period; provided, however, that at all times during that geriod a bill of sale or other proof of purchase reciting the date of purchase shall be clearly displayed in the rear mindow of the motor vehicle at all times. Registration and _license_fees collected under 53-122 are not required to be paid men a license_plate is transferred under this section and_53-146. Failure to wake application within the time provided herein shall subject the purchaser to a penalty of ten dollars
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1 (\$10), plus one dolfar (\$1) for each additional day in which the venicle remains unregistered not to exceed twenty-five dollars ( $\$ 25$ ). The penalty shall be collected by the county treesurer at the time of registration and shall be in addition to the fees otherwise provided by law."
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distinctive letter $D^{(0)}$ or the word mDEALER, ${ }^{(1)}$ 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 andfor semitfailers (new or used) which shall bear the distinctive letters - DiR" 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 astigned thereto in such position thereon as the registrar may designate. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be issued for a minimmpriod of four years? provided that number plates shall next be issued in the year 1976 and as often thereafter as is consistent with the provisions of this section shall bear a distinctive eacking, and shall be furnished by the state. In years when number plates are not issued. the registrar shall provide nonremovable.stickers bearing appropriate registration numbers which shall be affixed to the license plates in use.
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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 departaents, and all numbered plates issued to state departments shall bear the words "State owned" and no year number witi 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 requires 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 foan from the United States goverment or the state of Montanay to, or owned by, the civiz 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 EEXEMPI." 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
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(4) On all mumber 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 "IR" or the word "IRAILER" for plates assigned to trailers, and housetrailers, and the letters "MCM or the word "CYCLEM for plates assigned to vehicies of the motorcycle.type.
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Section 2. Section 53-122; R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
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All dealers in motor vehicles, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.001: 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 ( 52.00 ) additional fee for each additional set of number plates, as may be applied for;

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Electrically driven passenger vehicles, ten dollars (\$10.00):

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Tractors and/or trucks, ten dollars (\$10.00):
Buses shall be classed as motor trucks and licensed accordingly:

Trailers and semitrailers less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds maximum gross loaded meight and mouse trailers of all weights, two dollars (\$2.00);

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

Bicycles with motor attachment, one dollar (\$1.00);
Tractors, as specified in this sections shall mean any motor vehicle, except passenger cars used for towing a trailer or semitrailer.

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

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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 venicle recording fund or the motor vehicle administration fund shall be taken to mean the motor vehicle recording account in the earmarked revenue fund."

Section 3. Section 53-146, R.C.H. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
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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, traller or motorcycle type vehicle. Noregistration or license fee may be_assessed upon a transfer of a number plate under 53-146_ang 53-147.
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Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granitep 46; Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jeffersonp 51; Hibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroileum, 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. 194T, is amended to read as follows:
-53-122. Registration fees of motor venicles -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 or license fees shall be paid upon registration or reregistration of motor venicles, trailers. house trailers, semitrailers and dealers in motor vehicles or trailers in accordance with this act, as follows:

Al) doalers 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 nouse trailers* thirty dollars (s30);

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Motor vehicles, weighing twenty-eight hundred and fifty (2850) pounds, or under, other than motor trucks, five dollars ( \(\$ 5.00\) );
Motor vehicles, weighing over twenty-eight hundred and fifty (2850) pounds, other than motor trucks ten dollars (\$10.00);
Electrically driven passenger vehicles, ten dollars (\$10.00):
All motorcycles, two dollars ( 52.00 );
Tractors andfor trucks, ten dollars (\$10.00);
Buses shall be classed as motor trucks and licensed 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);
Trailers and semitrailers over two thousand five hundred \((2,500)\) up to six thousand \((6,000)\) pounds maximum gross loaded weight, except house trailers, five dollars ( 55.00 );
Trailers and semitrailers over six thousand (6,000) pounds maximum gross loaded weight, ten dollars (\$10.00):
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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transportation of road machinery and bridge materials, shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) annually, regardiess 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.

Bicycles with motor zttachment, one dollar (\$1.00);
Tractors, as specified in this section, shall mean any motor vehiclep except passenger cars used for towing a trailer or semitrailer.

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

A dealer in motor vehicles or trailers who snall maintain more than one (1) place of business or who shall maintain any branch establishment or establishments, must register and pay a registration or license fee for each such 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
under which such dealer is registered, the name of the purchaser, and the location of the place of business so sold. Upon the filing of sucn statement, accompanied by a filing fee of two dollars (\$2.00), the registrar of motor vehicles shall note upon the registration record of such dealer the change of ownership. But no certificate of registration can be transferred unkess the entire business of the dealer holding such certificate of registration be sold and disposed of, and no such certificate of registration can be transferred to any person other than the purchasers of such business.

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

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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

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Section 4. Section 53-147, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
*53-147. New registration required for transferred vehicle--grace period-penalty--display of proof of purchase. Except as otherwise provided herein, the new owner of the transferred motor vehicle shall have the grace period of ten (10) days from the date of purchase to make application and pay the regretretion--fees-and taxes as provided by section $53-114$, as if the same was being registered for the first time in that registration year, andy provided the motor vehicle was not purchased from a duly iicensed motor vehicle dealer as provided in this chapter. it shall not be a violation of this chapter or any other law for the purchaser to operate the vehicle upon the streets and highways of this state without a certificate of registration during the ten (10) day period; provided. however, that at all times during that period a bill of sale or other proof of purchase reciting the date of purchase shall be clearly displayed in the rear window of the motor vehicle at all times. Registration and_license fees collected under 53-122 are not required te be paid men a license plate is transferred under this section and 53-146e Failure to make application within the time provided herein shall subject the purchaser to a penalty of ten dollars
(510), plus one dollar (\$1) for each additional day in which the vehicle remains unregistered not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25). The penalty shall be collected by the county treasurer at the time of registration, and shall be in addition to the fees otherwise provided by law."

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in used motor cars only (including used trucks and trailers)
which shall bear the distinctive letters wuon or the letter
Mun and the word "OEALER," and one for dealers in trailers
andfor semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear the
distinctive letters morm or the letters miR" and the word
"DEALEK, ${ }^{[ }$and all such markings for the aforementioned kinds
of dealerse plates shall be placed on the number plates
assigned thereto in such position therean as thr regietrar
may designate. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be
issued for a minimum period of four yearst provided that
number plates shall next be issued in the year 1976 and as
often thereafter as is consistent with the provisions of
this section, shall bear a distinctive marking, and shall be
furnished by the state. In years when number plates are not
issued, the registrar shall provide nonremovable stickers
bearing appropriate reqistration numbers which shall be
affixed to the license plates in use.
(2) In the case of motor cars and trucks, number
plates shall be of metal six inches wide and twelve inches
in lingth, the number plates issued in the year 1976 to be
of a graphic design commemorating the bicentennial of the
founding of the United States of Americat and the word
"Montanaw with the year placed on the plate. For number
plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of

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montana snall be used as a distinctive border on such
license plates, and the word mMontana" with the year shall
be placed across the dotton of the plate. Such registration
plate shall be treated with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the reqistrar. An then_a ner_plate is issusde an additional fee of 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 fevenue 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 (i) or with a letter-number combination such as \(\mathrm{mA}_{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{IN}\) or *AK 1 "* or any other similar combination of letters and numbers and be numjered consecutively for each series of plotes. The distinctive registration number or letter-number combination assigned to the venicle shall appear on tne plate oreceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal base line, and the county number shali be separated from the distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such numerals and letters shall be determined by the registrar of motor
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venicles, provided that all county and registration numbers snall be of equal neight.
(3) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings herein provided, number plates snall have thereon the following distinctive markinns:

For vethicles owned by the state the registrar of motor vehicles may desiqnate 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 se of a permanent nature, and will be replaced by the registrar of motor vehicles at such time when the physical condition of numbered plates requires same. For vehicles owned by the counties, municipalities and school districts and used and operated by officials and employees thereaf in line of duty as such, and for vehicles on loan from the United States government or the state of Montanay top 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 notor vehicles of each of the counties in the state and those of the municipalities and scnool districts situated within each of said counties shall


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begin with nuaber 1 and be numbered consecutively. (4) On 311 number plates assigned to motor vehicles of the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and trailers, there shall appear the letter 1 f" or the word "TRUCK* for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "tr" or the word "IRAILEK" for plates assigned to trailers, and nousetrailers, and the letters wMC" or the word mcrclem for plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle type. *umber plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer or venicle of the motorcycle type may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer or motorcycle type vehicle. No registration or licensefee aly be assessed uron a transter of a auber plate under 53-146 and 53-142 (5) For the purpose of this act, the several counties of the state shall be assigned numbers as follows: Silver Bow, li Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4; Lewis and Clark, S; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 1; Fergus, 8; Powder River, y; Carbon, $10 ;$ phillips, lli Hill, 12; Ravalli, $13 ;$ Custer. 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; Cnouteaur 19; valley, 20; Toole, 21; big Horn, 22; musselstell, 23; Blaine. 24; Madison, 25; Ponderay 26; Kichland, 27; Powell. 28; Rosebud. 29; Deer Lodae, 30; reton, 31; Stillwater. 32; Ireasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; Sancer ri, 35; Judith Basin. 36; Danielsp 3l; Glacier, 38; Fallof, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Larter. 42;


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hundred (2,500) up to six thousand (6,000) pounds maximum
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sold. Upon the filing of such statement, accompanied by a
filing fee of two dollars ( $\$ 2.00$ ), the reqistrar of motor
vehicles shall note upon the registration record of such
dealer the change of ownership. But no certificate of
registration can be transferred unless the entire business
of the dealer holding such certificate of registration be
sold and disposed of, and fo such certificate of
registration can be transferred to any person other than the
purchasers of such business.
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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 iicense plates. Any reference in this code to the motor vehicle recording fund or the motor vehicle administration fund shall be taken to mean the motor venicle recording account in the earmarked revence fund.*

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