

HOUSE BILL 607

IN THE HOUSE

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Introduced and referred to
Committee on Highways and
Transportation.

1 House BILL NO. 607
 2 INTRODUCED BY _____
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION
 6 61-5-111, MCA, TO PROVIDE A FEE INCREASE FOR A DRIVER'S
 7 LICENSE FROM \$2 A YEAR TO \$2.50 A YEAR."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 61-5-111, MCA, is amended to read:
 11 "61-5-111. Licenses issued to operators and chauffeurs
 12 -- renewals and expiration thereof -- fees. (1) The division
 13 shall have authority to appoint county treasurers and other
 14 qualified officers to act as its agents for the sale of
 15 drivers' licenses, and shall make necessary rules governing
 16 such sales. The division, upon payment of the fees specified
 17 in this section, (of which sum 5% shall be retained by the
 18 county treasurers for use of the county general fund) shall
 19 issue to every applicant qualifying therefor an operator's
 20 or chauffeur's license as applied for. Such licenses shall
 21 contain a photograph of such licensee in such size and form
 22 as may be prescribed by the division, a distinguishing
 23 number issued to the licensee, the full name, date of birth,
 24 resident address, and a brief description of the licensee,
 25 and either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a

1 space upon which he shall write his signature in pen and ink
 2 immediately upon receipt of the license. No license shall be
 3 valid until it has been so signed by the licensee.

4 (2) The division shall, when any person applies for
 5 renewal of an operator's or chauffeur's license, test the
 6 applicant's eyesight, and may also in the division's
 7 discretion have such applicant demonstrate his physical
 8 ability to operate and to exercise ordinary and reasonable
 9 care in the operation of a motor vehicle. A person shall be
 10 deemed to have applied for renewal of a Montana operator's
 11 or chauffeur's license if such application is made within 3
 12 months of the expiration of such license.

13 (3) Licenses issued shall expire on the anniversary of
 14 the date of birth of the licensee 4 years or less after the
 15 date of issue.

16 (4) Whenever the division issues an original license
 17 to a person under the age of 18 years, such license shall be
 18 designated and clearly marked as a "provisional license".
 19 Any license so designated and marked may be suspended by the
 20 division for a period of not more than 12 months, when its
 21 record discloses that the licensee, subsequent to the
 22 issuance of such license, has been guilty of careless or
 23 negligent driving. Upon renewal as applicable to operator's
 24 licenses, the division may for any reasonable cause, as
 25 shown by its records, designate the renewal of the license

1 as provisional, otherwise a license in usual form shall be
2 issued subject to other provisions of the laws of Montana.

3 (5) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his
4 possession or under his control more than one Montana
5 operator's or chauffeur's license at any one time. Licenses
6 shall not be valid for the operation of a motorcycle until
7 the holder thereof has completed the requirements of
8 61-5-110 and the license has been clearly marked with the
9 words "motorcycle endorsement".

10 (6) Fees for drivers' licenses shall be as follows:

11 (a) driver's license -- ~~\$2~~ \$2.50 per year or fraction
12 thereof;

13 (b) motorcycle endorsement -- 50 cents per year or
14 fraction thereof.

15 (7) The state treasurer shall deposit to the credit of
16 the state general fund all moneys received by him from the
17 collection of motor vehicle driver's license fees."

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