

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

IN THE SENATE

April 9, 1979

Introduced and referred to  
Committee on Taxation.

April 11, 1979

Committee recommend bill, do  
not pass, as amended. (Minority  
recommend bill, do pass, as  
amended--failed).

*Smith* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

INTRODUCED BY *Samsom*  
By request of the Senate Taxation Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO REVIEW ITS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REGARDING THE APPRAISAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue is currently using the "high book value" shown in national sales guides in valuing motor vehicles for property tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, the "high book value" is not appropriate in determining the value of motor vehicles owned by a taxpayer since it contains sales reconditioning costs and dealer profit margins; and

WHEREAS, use of the "high book value" increases the tax on older vehicles because the reconditioning and markup costs are higher on this type of vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the owners of older vehicles are often elderly and low-income persons who are least able to pay high property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the values shown in national sales guides do not always reflect the authentic value of motor vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Department of Revenue is directed to review its administrative rules regarding the appraisal of motor vehicles, including cars, pickups, trucks, recreational vehicles, farm trucks, and equipment including industrial and mining equipment, snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats, airplanes, and other motorized vehicles, and to use values that more truly represent the value of motor vehicles owned by a taxpayer than does the "high book value".

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