

SENATE BILL NO. 101

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REFER TO  
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

1 Senate BILL NO. 101  
2 INTRODUCED BY Concetta

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE  
5 REQUIREMENT FOR A FRONT LICENSE PLATE ON A MOTOR VEHICLE;  
6 AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-301, 61-3-331 THROUGH 61-3-335,  
7 61-3-342, 61-3-401 THROUGH 61-3-405, 61-3-411, 61-3-421  
8 THROUGH 61-3-423, 61-3-425, AND 61-3-443 THROUGH 61-3-446,  
9 MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

12 Section 1. Section 61-3-301, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "61-3-301. Registration -- license plate required --  
14 display. (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, no person  
15 shall operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of  
16 this state unless such vehicle is properly registered and  
17 has the one proper number plates plate conspicuously  
18 displayed, ~~one on the front and one on the rear of the~~  
19 vehicle, each securely fastened to prevent it from swinging  
20 and unobstructed from plain view, ~~except that trailers,~~  
21 ~~semitrailers, and motorcycles shall have but one number~~  
22 ~~plate conspicuously displayed on the rear.~~ No person shall  
23 display on such vehicle at the same time any number assigned  
24 to it under any motor vehicle law except as provided in this  
25 chapter. A junk vehicle, as defined in part 5, chapter 10,

1 Title 75, being driven or towed to an auto wrecking  
2 graveyard for disposal is exempt from the provisions of this  
3 section.

4 (2) No person shall purchase or display on a vehicle  
5 any license plate bearing the number assigned to any county  
6 as provided in 61-3-332 other than the county of his  
7 permanent residence at the time of application for  
8 registration. However, the owner of any motor vehicle  
9 requiring a license plate on any motor vehicle used in the  
10 public transportation of persons or property may make  
11 application therefor in any county through which the motor  
12 vehicle passes in its regularly scheduled route, and the  
13 license plate so issued bearing the number assigned to said  
14 county may be displayed on the motor vehicle in any other  
15 county of the state.

16 (3) It is unlawful to use a license plates plate  
17 issued to one vehicle on any other vehicle, trailer, or  
18 semitrailer unless legally transferred as provided by  
19 statute, or to repaint an old license plates plate to  
20 resemble a current license plates plate.

21 (4) Any person violating these provisions is guilty of  
22 a misdemeanor and subject to the penalty set out in  
23 61-3-601."

24 Section 2. Section 61-3-331, MCA, is amended to read:

25 "61-3-331. Assignment of number plates. The county



1 treasurer shall, at the time of issuing a registration  
 2 receipt under 61-3-322, assign such motor vehicle a  
 3 distinctive number, viz., the license plate number, and  
 4 deliver to the applicant ~~two~~ one license plates plate, as  
 5 received from the division, which shall bear such  
 6 distinctive numbers. The division shall ship said license  
 7 plates to the various county treasurers by freight, so that  
 8 they will be received by the county treasurer on or before  
 9 January 1 of each year."

10 Section 3. Section 61-3-332, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "61-3-332. Number plates. (1) Every motor vehicle  
 12 which shall be driven upon the streets or highways of this  
 13 state shall display ~~both--front--and~~ on the rear a number  
 14 plate, bearing the distinctive number assigned such vehicle.  
 15 Such number plate shall be in eight series: one series for  
 16 owners of motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the  
 17 motorcycle type, one for trailers, one for trucks, one for  
 18 dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle type which shall bear  
 19 the distinctive letters "MCD" or the letters "MC" and the  
 20 word "DEALER", one for franchised dealers in new motorcars  
 21 (including trucks and trailers) or new and used motorcars  
 22 (including trucks and trailers) which shall bear the  
 23 distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one for dealers  
 24 in used motorcars only (including used trucks and trailers)  
 25 which shall bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter

1 "U" and the word "DEALER", and one for dealers in trailers  
 2 and/or semitrailers (new or used) which shall bear ~~the~~  
 3 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word  
 4 "DEALER". All such markings for the aforementioned kinds of  
 5 dealers' plates shall be placed on the number plates  
 6 assigned thereto in such position thereon as the division  
 7 may designate.

8 (2) All number plates for motor vehicles shall be  
 9 issued for a minimum period of 4 years, shall bear a  
 10 distinctive marking, and shall be furnished by the state. In  
 11 years when a number plates--are plate is not issued, the  
 12 division shall provide a nonremovable stickers sticker  
 13 bearing appropriate registration numbers which shall be  
 14 affixed to the license plates plate in use.

15 (3) In the case of motorcars and trucks, number plates  
 16 shall be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. For  
 17 number plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of  
 18 Montana shall be used as a distinctive border on such  
 19 license plates, and the word "Montana" with the year shall  
 20 be placed across the bottom of the plate. Such registration  
 21 plate shall be treated with a reflectorized background  
 22 material according to specifications prescribed by the  
 23 division.

24 (4) The distinctive registration numbers shall begin  
 25 with a number one or with a letter-number combination such

1 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of  
 2 letters and numbers and be numbered consecutively for each  
 3 series of plates. The distinctive registration number or  
 4 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle shall  
 5 appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and  
 6 appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal  
 7 baseline, and the county number shall be separated from the  
 8 distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless  
 9 a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such  
 10 numerals and letters shall be determined by the division,  
 11 provided that all county and registration numbers shall be  
 12 of equal height.

13 (5) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles that are  
 14 also exempt from the light vehicle license fee as provided  
 15 in subsection (2)(a) of 61-3-532, in addition to the  
 16 markings herein provided, number plates shall have thereon  
 17 the following distinctive markings:

18 (a) For vehicles owned by the state the division may  
 19 designate the prefix number for the various state  
 20 departments, and all numbered plates issued to state  
 21 departments shall bear the words "State Owned" and no year  
 22 number will be indicated thereon as these numbered plates  
 23 will be of a permanent nature and will be replaced by the  
 24 division at such time when the physical condition of  
 25 numbered plates requires same.

1 (b) For vehicles owned by the counties,  
 2 municipalities, irrigation districts organized under the  
 3 laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and school  
 4 districts and used and operated by officials and employees  
 5 thereof in line of duty as such, and for vehicles on loan  
 6 from the United States government or the state of Montana,  
 7 to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated  
 8 by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty as  
 9 such, there shall be placed on the number plates assigned  
 10 thereto, in such position thereon as the division may  
 11 designate, the letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive  
 12 registration numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles  
 13 of each of the counties in the state and those of the  
 14 municipalities and school districts situated within each of  
 15 said counties and those of the irrigation districts which  
 16 obtain plates within each county shall begin with number one  
 17 and be numbered consecutively.

18 (6) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of  
 19 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks  
 20 that are also exempt from the light vehicle license fee as  
 21 provided in subsection (2)(a) of 61-3-532 and tax exempt  
 22 trailers, there shall appear the letter "T" or the word  
 23 "TRUCK" for plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR"  
 24 or the word "TRAILER" for plates assigned to trailers and  
 25 housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" shall

1 appear for plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle  
2 type.

3 (7) Number-plates A number plate issued to a passenger  
4 car, truck, trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle type may  
5 be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck,  
6 trailer, or motorcycle type vehicle. No registration or  
7 license fee may be assessed upon a transfer of a number  
8 plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

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

1 number 57."

2 Section 4. Section 61-3-333, MCA, is amended to read:  
3 "61-3-333. Replacing a number plates plate. In the  
4 event of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a number plates  
5 plate, and/or validation devices device, the owner of the  
6 registered motor vehicle may obtain from the division  
7 duplicates a duplicate thereof upon filing sworn declaration  
8 showing such fact and payment of a fee of \$2. In the event  
9 of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a pioneer plates,  
10 duplicates plate, a duplicate may be obtained in the same  
11 manner upon payment of a fee of \$5."

12 Section 5. Section 61-3-334, MCA, is amended to read:  
13 "61-3-334. Expiration of registration on transfer of  
14 ownership of vehicle -- duty to remove plates plate. Upon  
15 the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle, the  
16 registration of the motor vehicle shall expire and it shall  
17 be the duty of the transferor immediately to remove the  
18 license plates plate from the vehicle."

19 Section 6. Section 61-3-335, MCA, is amended to read:  
20 "61-3-335. Transfer of license plates plate to another  
21 motor vehicle. (1) Should the transferor make application  
22 for the registration of another motor vehicle at any time  
23 during the remainder of the current registration year as  
24 shown on the original certificate of registration, he may  
25 file an application in the office of the county treasurer

1 where the motor vehicle is registered, upon a form to be  
 2 prepared and furnished by the division, accompanied by the  
 3 original certificate of registration, for the transfer of  
 4 the license ~~plates~~ plate. The application for transfer of  
 5 the license ~~plates~~ plate from the motor vehicle for which  
 6 originally issued to a motor vehicle acquired by the same  
 7 person in whose name the original license ~~plates-were~~ plate  
 8 was issued shall be made within 20 days from date of  
 9 acquiring the vehicle. The use of the license ~~plates~~ plate  
 10 shall not be legalized until proper transfer of the license  
 11 ~~plates~~ plate has been made.

12 (2) ~~License-plates~~ A license plate may be transferred  
 13 pursuant to this section without transferring ownership of  
 14 the first vehicle.

15 (3) Upon transfer of the license ~~plates~~ plate, the  
 16 registration of the motor vehicle from which the license  
 17 ~~plates-were~~ plate was transferred expires. The certificate  
 18 of registration for such vehicle must be surrendered to the  
 19 county treasurer with the application for transfer."

20 Section 7. Section 61-3-342, MCA, is amended to read:  
 21 "61-3-342. Temporary windshield sticker. Any purchaser  
 22 of a motor vehicle who is unable to obtain a license plates  
 23 plate from the county treasurer at the time he makes  
 24 application for registration or reregistration of the  
 25 vehicle because the certificate of ownership is lost, in the

1 possession of third parties, or in the process of reissuance  
 2 in this state or elsewhere may, upon making affidavit to  
 3 that effect upon a form prescribed by the division and upon  
 4 the payment of a fee of \$2 to be collected by the county  
 5 treasurer and remitted to the division, obtain from the  
 6 county treasurer of the county in which the vehicle is to be  
 7 registered a temporary windshield sticker of such size,  
 8 color, and design as the division may prescribe, to be  
 9 validated by the county treasurer for a period of 60 days  
 10 from the date of issuance. The purchaser, upon displaying  
 11 the sticker on the lower right-hand corner of the windshield  
 12 of the motor vehicle, may operate the vehicle during the  
 13 period for which the windshield sticker has been validated  
 14 without displaying the registration certificate or number  
 15 ~~plates--or~~ plate for the current year. The county treasurer  
 16 may not sell, and no person may purchase, more than one  
 17 60-day temporary windshield sticker for any vehicle, the  
 18 ownership of which has not changed since the issuance of the  
 19 previous 60-day windshield sticker."

20 Section 8. Section 61-3-401, MCA, is amended to read:  
 21 "61-3-401. Definition of personalized license ~~plates~~  
 22 plate. Personalized license ~~plates~~ plate, as used in  
 23 61-3-401 through 61-3-406, ~~mean--license--plates~~ means a  
 24 license plate that have has displayed upon them it the  
 25 registration number assigned to the passenger motor vehicle

1 for which such registration number was issued in a  
2 combination of letters or numbers, or both, requested by the  
3 owner of the vehicle."

4 Section 9. Section 61-3-402, MCA, is amended to read:

5 "61-3-402. Personalized license ~~plates~~ plate  
6 authorized. Any person who is the registered owner of a  
7 motor vehicle, a truck, motor home, camping trailer,  
8 motorcycle, or other vehicle for the owner's personal use  
9 registered with the division or who makes application for  
10 original registration of a motor vehicle may upon payment of  
11 the fee prescribed in 61-3-406 apply to the division for a  
12 personalized license ~~plates~~ plate in the manner prescribed  
13 in 61-3-405, which ~~plates~~ plate shall be affixed to the  
14 motor vehicle for which registration is sought in lieu of  
15 the regular license ~~plates~~ plate provided for in this  
16 chapter."

17 Section 10. Section 61-3-403, MCA, is amended to read:

18 "61-3-403. Color and design of personalized ~~plates~~  
19 plate -- county designation. (1) The personalized license  
20 ~~plates~~ plate shall be the same color and design as a regular  
21 passenger motor vehicle license ~~plates~~ plate and shall  
22 consist of numbers or letters, or any combination thereof  
23 not exceeding eight positions and not less than two  
24 positions, provided that there are no conflicts with  
25 existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle, or

1 special license plate series under this title.

2 (2) Upon the issuance of a personalized license ~~plates~~  
3 plate or upon the reregistration of any motor vehicle  
4 assigned a personalized license ~~plates~~ plate that ~~do~~ does  
5 not bear a county designation or no longer ~~bear~~ bears the  
6 correct county designation, the division shall provide a  
7 nonremovable ~~stickers~~ sticker bearing the appropriate county  
8 designation which must be affixed to the license ~~plates~~  
9 plate in use in accordance with instructions by the  
10 division."

11 Section 11. Section 61-3-404, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "61-3-404. Personalized license ~~plates~~ plate  
13 restricted to registered owner. ~~Personalized A personalized~~  
14 license ~~plates~~ plate shall be issued only to the registered  
15 owner of the vehicle upon which ~~they-are it is~~ is displayed."

16 Section 12. Section 61-3-405, MCA, is amended to read:

17 "61-3-405. Application for personalized ~~plates~~ plate.  
18 An applicant for a personalized license ~~plates~~ plate or  
19 renewal of such ~~plates~~ plate in subsequent years pursuant to  
20 61-3-401 through 61-3-406 shall file an application therefor  
21 in the form and by the date the division requires,  
22 indicating thereon the combination of letters or numbers, or  
23 both, requested as a registration number. There shall be no  
24 duplication of registration numbers, and the division may  
25 refuse to issue any combination of letters or numbers, or

1 both, that may carry connotations offensive to good taste  
 2 and decency or which are misleading or a duplication of a  
 3 license plates plate provided for elsewhere in this title."

4 Section 13. Section 61-3-411, MCA, is amended to read:

5 "61-3-411. Registration of motor vehicles owned and  
 6 operated solely as collectors' items. (1) An owner of a  
 7 motor vehicle more than 30 years old, used solely as a  
 8 collectors' item and not for general transportation  
 9 purposes, may file with the division an application for the  
 10 registration of the motor vehicle, stating the name and  
 11 address of the owner, the name and address of the person  
 12 from whom purchased, the make of the motor vehicle, the  
 13 gross weight thereof, the year and number of the model, and  
 14 the manufacturer's identification number and serial number  
 15 and setting forth a specific statement that the vehicle is  
 16 owned and operated solely as a collectors' item and not for  
 17 general transportation purposes. The application shall be  
 18 sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths.

19 (2) The registration fee for all such motor vehicles  
 20 weighing 2,850 pounds or less is \$5, and the registration  
 21 fee for all such motor vehicles weighing more than 2,850  
 22 pounds is \$10.

23 (3) Upon receipt of the application for registration  
 24 and payment of the registration fee, the division shall file  
 25 the application and register the motor vehicle therein

1 described in the manner specified in 61-3-101 and shall  
 2 deliver to the applicant:

3 (a) for motor vehicles manufactured in 1933 or  
 4 earlier, two one license plates plate bearing the  
 5 inscription "Pioneer--Montana" and the registration number;  
 6 or

7 (b) for motor vehicles manufactured in 1934 or later  
 8 and more than 30 years old, two one license plates plate  
 9 bearing the inscription "Vintage--Montana" and the  
 10 registration number.

11 (4) The year of issuance shall not be shown on the  
 12 plates.

13 (5) Annual renewal of the registration of any such  
 14 motor vehicle is not required, and the registration is valid  
 15 as long as the vehicle is in existence; provided, however,  
 16 that upon sale of such motor vehicle, the purchaser is  
 17 required to renew the registration thereof and pay the  
 18 license fees hereinbefore specified."

19 Section 14. Section 61-3-421, MCA, is amended to read:

20 "61-3-421. Amateur radio operators -- special license  
 21 plate. Any motor vehicle owner and resident of this state  
 22 who holds an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio  
 23 station license and operator's license, "conditional" or  
 24 higher class, issued by the federal communications  
 25 commission of the United States, shall upon written



1 application on form prescribed by the division, accompanied  
 2 by proof of ownership of such amateur radio station license  
 3 and operator's license, be issued a lettered license plates  
 4 ~~in pairs (two identically lettered plates)~~ plate, in  
 5 addition to the regular license plates plate prescribed by  
 6 law. There shall be stamped or impressed upon such special  
 7 license plates plate in clear lettering the official amateur  
 8 radio call letters of such owner as assigned to such owner  
 9 by said federal communications commission, and said plates  
 10 plate so lettered shall be renewed concurrently with, and at  
 11 the time of, the issuance of the regular motor vehicle  
 12 license plates plate."

13 Section 15. Section 61-3-422, MCA, is amended to read:

14 "61-3-422. Issuance -- application -- additional fee.

15 The division shall issue said lettered license plates plate  
 16 to amateur radio operators upon application showing:

17 (1) proof that applicant is the owner and holder of  
 18 such amateur radio station license and operator's license;

19 (2) compliance with the state motor vehicle laws  
 20 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles,  
 21 and upon the payment, or proof of the payment, of the  
 22 regular license fee for a license plates plate as provided  
 23 by law; and

24 (3) payment of a \$5 additional fee."

25 Section 16. Section 61-3-423, MCA, is amended to read:

1 "61-3-423. Rules -- limit of one ~~identical pair of~~  
 2 plates plate for each operator. The division shall make such  
 3 rules as may be necessary to procure compliance with all the  
 4 laws of the state regulating the issuance of motor vehicle  
 5 licenses relating to the use and operation of motor vehicles  
 6 before issuing the lettered license plates. The division  
 7 shall not issue more than one ~~identical pair of~~ lettered  
 8 license plates plate for any licensed amateur radio station  
 9 in any one licensing period."

10 Section 17. Section 61-3-425, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "61-3-425. Special plates plate -- how affixed to car  
 12 -- sale or transfer of auto -- revocation or expiration of  
 13 radio license. The lettered license plates plate, as herein  
 14 provided, are is to replace the regular license plates plate  
 15 on the motor vehicle owned by said amateur radio licensee  
 16 for such period of time as the amateur radio license is in  
 17 force under the federal communications commission and the  
 18 special license issued hereunder is in force, but no longer.  
 19 Whenever such official amateur radio license is revoked or  
 20 expires for whatever reason, such license plate shall be  
 21 removed immediately by the owner of the motor vehicle and  
 22 the regular plates plate again placed or mounted on the  
 23 motor vehicle as in other cases. When the motor vehicle is  
 24 sold or otherwise transferred, the owner and holder of valid  
 25 official amateur radio station and operator's license shall

1 have the right to transfer the lettered plates plate to  
 2 another motor vehicle owned by him upon such reasonable  
 3 conditions as may be prescribed by the division. On the  
 4 revocation or expiration of the amateur radio station and  
 5 operator's licenses, the lettered license plates plate as  
 6 issued shall be returned and surrendered to the division."

7 Section 18. Section 61-3-443, MCA, is amended to read:

8 "61-3-443. Special license plates plate -- disabled  
 9 veteran. A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state  
 10 who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States  
 11 and is 100% disabled because of an injury which has been  
 12 determined by the veterans administration to be service  
 13 connected, upon written application on a form prescribed by  
 14 the division, must be issued a license plates plate  
 15 specially inscribed with the letters and character DV- and  
 16 three or four consecutive numbers."

17 Section 19. Section 61-3-444, MCA, is amended to read:

18 "61-3-444. Special license plates plate -- ex-prisoner  
 19 of war. A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state who  
 20 is a veteran of the armed services of the United States and  
 21 was captured and held prisoner by a military force of a  
 22 foreign nation, documented by his service record, upon  
 23 written application on the form prescribed by the division,  
 24 must be issued a license plates plate inscribed with the  
 25 words "ex-prisoner of war", or such abbreviation as the

1 division considers appropriate, and three or four  
 2 consecutive numbers."

3 Section 20. Section 61-3-445, MCA, is amended to read:

4 "61-3-445. Special license plates plate -- the  
 5 handicapped. A motor vehicle owner and resident of this  
 6 state who is eligible to receive a special parking permit  
 7 from the division under 49-4-301, upon written application  
 8 on a form prescribed by the division, must be issued a  
 9 license plates plate bearing a representation of a  
 10 wheelchair as the symbol of a handicapped person and three  
 11 or four consecutive numbers."

12 Section 21. Section 61-3-446, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "61-3-446. Retention of special license plates plate.  
 14 If during a registration year the holder of a special  
 15 license plates plate issued under 61-3-443, 61-3-444, or  
 16 61-3-445 disposes of the vehicle to which the plates--are  
 17 plate is affixed, he shall retain the plates plate and may  
 18 affix them it to another vehicle."

19 NEW SECTION. Section 22. Effective date. This act is  
 20 effective January 1, 1986.

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## STATE OF MONTANA

## FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN085-85

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 15, 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for S.B. 101 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 101 removes the requirement for a front license plate on a motor vehicle.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. It costs \$0.70 to manufacture each license plate.
2. There are approximately 750,000 vehicles to be licensed.
3. There are approximately 160,000 vehicles which would require new plates or replacement plates each year.
4. This legislation cannot be accomplished without a new issue of license plates which is estimated to cost \$1.6 million for the current two plate system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 1986</u>	<u>FY 1987</u>
Cost of New Plate issue	<u>\$1,600,000</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Decreased Expenditures	<u>674,000</u>	<u>144,440</u>
Net Cost	\$ 926,000	\$(144,440)

Note: The first year's savings is contingent upon a new issuance of license plates which is necessary to accomplish the proposed legislation. The second year represents the cost savings which would be realized in subsequent years. FY87 and subsequent years would be a cost savings to the Motor Vehicle Special Revenue Fund.

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