#### SENATE BILL NO. 373

### INTRODUCED BY NEUMAN, THAYER, CHRISTIAENS

# BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

#### DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

#### IN THE SENATE

February 9, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 15, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 16, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 18, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
February 19, 1985	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 20, 1985	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.
	Transmitted to House.
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February 27, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 16, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 19, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
March 21, 1985	Third reading, concurred in.

Returned to Senate.

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March 21, 1985

Received from House.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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(4)(2) If a person is not licensed, but by the final order or judgment is convicted of or forfeits any bail or collateral deposited to secure an appearance for trial for any offense requiring the revocation of a license, no license shall be thereafter issued to such person and—no motor—vehicle—shall—continue—to—be—registered—or—thereafter be—registered—in—the—name—of—such—person until he shall give and thereafter maintain proof of financial responsibility.

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(2) Such deposit shall be held by the state treasurer to satisfy, in accordance with the provisions of this part, any execution on a judgment issued against such person making the deposit, for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person, or for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, resulting from the ownership, maintenance, use, or operation of a motor vehicle after such deposit was made. Money or securities so deposited shall not be subject to attachment or execution unless such attachment or execution shall arise out of a suit for damages as aforesaid."

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under this part, in any of the following events:

- (a) at any time after 3 years from the date such proof was required when during the 3-year period preceding the request the division has not received record of a conviction or a forfeiture of bail which would require or permit the suspension or revocation of the license, registration, or nonresident's operating privilege of the person by or for whom such proof was furnished;
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- 12 (c) in the event the person who has given proof 13 surrenders his license and-registration to the division.
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(3) Any person willfully failing to return <u>a</u> license or-registration as required in 61-6-112 shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not to exceed 30 days or both.

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(2) Any person whose license or--registration nonresident's operating privilege has been suspended or revoked under this part and who, during such suspension or revocation drives any motor vehicle upon any highway or knowingly permits any motor vehicle owned by such person to be operated by another upon any highway, except as permitted under this part, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not exceeding 6 months or both.

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3	BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
4	DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
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6	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE AND CLARIFY
7	THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY-RESPONSIBILITY ACT; AMENDING
8	SECTIONS 61-6-112, 61-6-122, 61-6-125, 61-6-131, 61-6-133,
9	61-6-138, 61-6-142, AND 61-6-151, MCA; REPEALING SECTION
10	61-6-111, MCA."
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
13	Section 1. Section 61-6-112, MCA, is amended to read:
14	"61-6-112. Surrender of license and-registration. Any
15	person whose license orregistration shall have been
16	suspended as herein provided, or whose policy of insurance
17	or bond, when required under this part, shall have been
18	canceled or terminated, or who shall neglect to furnish
19	other proof upon request of the division shall immediately
20	return his license and-registration to the division. If any
21	person shall fail to return to the division the license or
22	registration as provided herein, the division shall
23	forthwith direct any peace officer or highway patrolman to
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Section 2. Section 61-6-122, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-6-122. Suspension for nonpayment of judgments
exceptions. (1) The division, upon the receipt of a
certified copy of a judgment, shall forthwith suspend the
license and-registration and any nonresident's operating
privilege of any person against whom such judgment was
rendered, except as hereinafter otherwise provided in this
section and in 61-6-125.

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(2) If the judgment creditor consents in writing, in such form as the division may prescribe, that the judgment debtor be allowed license and-registration or nonresident's operating privilege, the same may be allowed by the division, in its discretion, for 6 months from the date of such consent and thereafter until such consent is revoked in writing notwithstanding default in the payment of such judgment, or of any installments thereof prescribed in 61-6-125, provided the judgment debtor furnishes proof of financial responsibility."

Section 3. Section 61-6-125, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-6-125. Installment payment of judgments -default. (1) A judgment debtor upon due notice to the
judgment creditor may apply to the court in which such
judgment was rendered for the privilege of paying such
judgment in installments and the court, in its discretion
and without prejudice to any other legal remedies which the

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judgment creditor may have, may so order and fix the amounts and times of payment of the installments.

- (2) The division shall not suspend a license,—or require—the—suspension—of—a-registration or a nonresident's operating privilege, and shall restore any license and—the registration or nonresident's operating privilege suspended following nonpayment of a judgment, when the judgment debtor gives proof of financial responsibility and obtains such an order permitting the payment of such judgment in installments, and while the payment of any said installment is not in default.
- (3) In the event the judgment debtor fails to pay any installment as specified by such order, then upon notice of such default, the division shall forthwith suspend the license and—the—registration or nonresident's operating privilege of the judgment debtor until such judgment is satisfied, as provided in this part."
- Section 4. Section 61-6-131, MCA, is amended to read:

  "61-6-131. When proof of financial responsibility
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(4)(3) Whenever the division revokes a nonresident's operating privilege by reason of a conviction or forfeiture of bail, such privilege shall remain so revoked unless such person shall have previously given or shall immediately give and thereafter maintain proof of financial responsibility."

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1 Section 5. Section 61-6-133, MCA, is amended to read: "61-6-133. Certificate of insurance as proof. {}} 2 Proof of financial responsibility may be furnished by filing with the division the written certificate of any insurance carrier duly authorized to do business in this state certifying that there is in effect a motor vehicle liability policy for the benefit of the person required to furnish proof of financial responsibility. Such certificate shall give the effective date of such motor vehicle liability policy, which date shall be the same as the effective date of the certificate, and shall designate by explicit description or by appropriate reference all motor vehicles covered thereby, unless the policy is issued to a person who is not the owner of a motor vehicle.

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