

HB 304 INTRODUCED BY PISTORIA
VALID INSURANCE CARD NEEDED TO REGISTER A MOTOR
VEHICLE

1/20 INTRODUCED

1/20 REFERRED TO HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

2/03 HEARING

2/04 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL NOT PASSED

2/05 ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED

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1 House BILL NO. 304
2 INTRODUCED BY Pistoria

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING PRESENTATION
5 OF A VALID INSURANCE CARD FOR REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR
6 VEHICLE; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-6-302, MCA."

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

9 Section 1. Section 61-6-302, MCA, is amended to read:
10 "61-6-302. Proof of compliance. (1) Except as provided
11 in subsection ~~(2)~~ (3), before any applicant required to
12 register his motor vehicle may do so, the applicant must:

13 (a) certify to the county treasurer that he possesses
14 an automobile liability insurance policy, a certificate of
15 self-insurance, or a posted indemnity bond or that he is
16 eligible for an exemption under 61-6-303 covering the motor
17 vehicle; and

18 (b) display the currently valid insurance card issued
19 pursuant to subsection (5) for the motor vehicle being
20 registered.

21 (2) The certification required by subsection (1)(a)
22 shall be on a form prescribed by the department. The
23 department may immediately cancel the registration and
24 license plates of the vehicle upon notification that the
25 insurance certification was not correctly represented. Any

1 person who intentionally provides false information on an
2 insurance certification is guilty of unsworn falsification
3 to authorities, punishable as provided in 45-7-203.

4 ~~(2)~~(3) An applicant for registration of an automobile
5 or a truck having a rated capacity of three-quarters of a
6 ton or less, who wishes to register the vehicle by mail
7 must:

8 (a) sign a statement on the application stating that
9 the applicant is in compliance with the financial liability
10 requirements of 61-6-301; and

11 (b) attach a legible photocopy of the insurance card
12 issued pursuant to subsection (5) for the motor vehicle
13 being registered.

14 ~~(3)~~(4) An owner of a motor vehicle who ceases to
15 maintain the insurance or bond required or whose certificate
16 of self-insurance is canceled or whose vehicle ceases to be
17 exempt shall immediately surrender the registration and
18 license plates for the vehicle to the county treasurer for
19 delivery to the department and may not operate or permit
20 operation of the vehicle in Montana until insurance has
21 again been furnished as required and the vehicle is again
22 registered and licensed.

23 ~~(4)~~(5) Every person shall carry in a motor vehicle
24 being operated by him an insurance card approved by the
25 department but issued by the insurance carrier to the motor

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1 vehicle owner as proof of compliance with 61-6-301. A motor
2 vehicle operator shall exhibit the insurance card upon
3 demand of a justice of the peace, a city or municipal judge,
4 a peace officer, a highway patrolman, or a field deputy or
5 inspector of the department. However, no person charged with
6 violating this subsection may be convicted if he produces in
7 court or the office of the arresting officer proof of
8 insurance valid at the time of his arrest."

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