SENATE BILL NO. 204

INTRODUCED BY THAYER, POULSEN, CAMPBELL, THOMAS, MANNING, MCLANE, HARDING, CONNELLY, PECK, MEYER, BACHINI, J. BROWN, ANDERSON, HOFMAN, MCCORMICK, PHILLIPS, NISBET, O'CONNELL, BULGER, SQUIRES, KOEHNKE, MILLER, NEUMAN, RAMIREZ, BISHOP, HAGER, CRIPPEN, BLAYLOCK, BENGTSON, KEATING

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 24, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
	ON MOTION BY CHIEF SPONSOR, SENATORS MCLANE, NEUMAN, BISHOP, BLAYLOCK, HAGER, CRIPPEN, BENGTSON, AND KEATING AND REPRESENTATIVES PHILLIPS, MCCORMICK, NISBET, O'CONNELL, BULGER, SQUIRES, KOEHNKE, MILLER, AND RAMIREZ ADDED AS SPONSORS.
FEBRUARY 6, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 7, 1987	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 10, 1987	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 11, 1987	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 12, 1987	THIRD READING, PASSED.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.
IN	THE HOUSE
FEBRUARY 18, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
MARCH 4, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

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AYES, 51; NOES, 32.

MARCH 6, 1987

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RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 9, 1987

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L 6	State; and
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8	license plates will impose additional duties on County
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BE IT ENAC	TED BY THE LEGI	SLATURE OF T	HE STATE OF	MONTANA:
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license	plates. (1) N	otwithstandi	ng the 4-y	ear period
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department and the office as provided in 2-89-303.

(2) Commemorative license plates may be:

commemorative centennial license plates;

- 1 (a) collectors' license plates, intended to be 2 collectors' items only, distinctively marked or colored. 3 Such plates may be designated as not valid for the purpose 4 of licensing motor vehicles within the state; or
- 5 (b) special or limited duration license plates valid 6 for licensing motor vehicles in the state and carrying the 7 same general centennial design as regularly issued license 8 plates provided for in 2-89-301, except that they may differ 9 from such regular license plates by:
- 10 (i) color;

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- 11 (ii) use of a distinctive series of registration 12 numbers or special prefixes or suffixes for the 13 registration numbers; and
- (iii) by other details not distracting from legibility
 or recognition of the license plate.
 - (3) (a) The Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), the proceeds from the sale of commemorative license plates, after payment of the agreed price to the department, must be used for centennial activities of the office as provided in part 1 of this chapter.
- 21 (b) The county treasurer shall retain \$5 of the
 22 purchase price of each centennial commemorative plate issued
 23 in the county and deposit the money in the county general
 24 fund.
- 25 (b)(c) The issuance of commemorative license plates

- 1 must be made at no direct cost to the state.
- 2 (4) Commemorative license plates that are valid for
 3 licensing a motor vehicle must carry the assigned county
 4 number, as established in 61-3-332(8), either within the
 5 registration numbers or by means of an affixed nonremovable
 6 sticker bearing the appropriate county designation and used
 7 in accordance with instructions by the department.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 2. Effective date -10 applicability. This act is effective on passage and approval
 11 and applies to all commemorative centennial license plates
 12 issued on or after January 1, 1987.

(Terminates July 1, 1991--sec. 5, Ch. 674, L. 1985.)"

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB204, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act authorizing county treasurers to retain \$5 of the cost of the commemorative centennial license plates to defray the cost of the issuing the license plates; amending 2-89-302, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. There is no logical way to estimate the number of centennial license plates which will be sold over the next biennium.
- 2. The state currently has material for 26,000 license plate sets (2 plates each).
- 3. Assume that these will be sold for \$19.89 a set from the date of issue, approximately March 1, 1987 through December 31, 1987. Therefore, 1/3 of funds would be available in FY87, 2/3 in FY88.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenues:		FY87			FY88	
	Current	Proposed		Current	Proposed	
	Law	Law	Difference	<u>Law</u>	Law	Difference
Centennial Fund	\$172,387	\$129,052	(\$43,335)	\$344,753	\$258,078	(\$86,675)
County General Fund	0	43,335	43,335	0	86,675	86,675
TOTAL	\$172,387	\$172,387	\$ 0	\$344,753	\$344,753	\$ 0

DAVID L. HUNTER BUDGET DIRECTOR
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GENE THAYER, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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14	WHEREAS, the performance of these additional duties
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