

HOUSE BILL NO. 223

INTRODUCED BY WALLIN, AAFEDT

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 17, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 3, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 4, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 6, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 7, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 86; NOES, 11.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 8, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 3, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 4, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 7, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

MARCH 8, 1989

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RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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2 INTRODUCED BY ~~W. W. W. W.~~ ~~W. W. W. W.~~
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING DEMONSTRATOR
5 MOTOR VEHICLES TO DISPLAY ONLY ONE LICENSE PLATE; AMENDING
6 SECTION 61-3-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
7 DATE."

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

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

11 "61-3-301. Registration -- license plate required --
12 display. (1) Except as otherwise provided herein in this
13 chapter, no person ~~shall~~ may operate a motor vehicle upon
14 the public highways of ~~this-state~~ Montana unless ~~such the~~
15 vehicle is properly registered and has the proper number
16 plates conspicuously displayed, one on the front and one on
17 the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened to prevent
18 it from swinging and unobstructed from plain view, except
19 that trailers, semitrailers, quadricycles, and motorcycles,
20 ~~shall~~ and vehicles authorized in 61-4-102(6) to display
21 demonstrator plates may have but one number plate
22 conspicuously displayed on the rear. No person ~~shall~~ may
23 display on ~~such a~~ vehicle at the same time ~~any a~~ a number
24 assigned to it under any motor vehicle law except as
25 provided in this chapter. A junk vehicle, as defined in part

1 5, chapter 10, Title 75, being driven or towed to an auto
2 wrecking graveyard for disposal is exempt from the
3 provisions of this section.

4 (2) No person ~~shall~~ may purchase or display on a
5 vehicle ~~any~~ a license plate bearing the number assigned to
6 any county as provided in 61-3-332 other than the county of
7 his 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~~ for the license in any county through
12 which the motor vehicle passes in its regularly scheduled
13 route, and the license plate so issued bearing the number
14 assigned to ~~said~~ that county may be displayed on the motor
15 vehicle in any other county of the state.

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

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

23 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Extension of authority. Any
24 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the
25 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of

LC 1015/01

1 [this act].

2 NEW SECTION. **Section 3.** Effective date. [This act] is

3 effective on passage and approval.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB223, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act allowing demonstrator motor vehicles to display only one license plate; amending Section 61-3-301, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are 6,800 sets of demonstrator plates issued per year and that amount will remain constant during the 1991 biennium.
2. Cost of producing a single license plate in the 1991 biennium is \$1.13.

FISCAL IMPACT:

		<u>FY90</u>			<u>FY91</u>	
	Current	Proposed		Current	Proposed	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$15,400	\$ 7,700	\$ (7,700)	\$15,400	\$ 7,700	\$ (7,700)

Funding: Motor Vehicle Account



RAY/SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

1/24/89

DATE



NORM WALLIN, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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HB 0223/02

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