

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

INTRODUCED BY QUILICI, DRISCOLL, CLARK, ROTH,
SIMPKINS, ABRAMS, HAGER, ANDERSON, BISHOP, HARP,
PHILLIPS, MENAHAN, MCCORMICK, SMITH, PAVLOVICH,
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IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 17, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
JANUARY 18, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 17, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 18, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 21, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 83; NOES, 16.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 18, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 20, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.
MARCH 22, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 47; NOES, 2.

RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 30, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 31, 1989

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

APRIL 5, 1989

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

APRIL 6, 1989

SIGNED BY SPEAKER.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 6, 1989

SIGNED BY PRESIDENT.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 7, 1989

DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

APRIL 12, 1989

RETURNED FROM GOVERNOR WITH
RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS.

APRIL 13, 1989

SECOND READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOM-
MENDED AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 14, 1989

THIRD READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED
AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 18, 1989

SECOND READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOM-
MENDED AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 19, 1989

THIRD READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED
AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

IN THE HOUSE

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *HOUSE* BILL NO. *245*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Julian* *Neill Clark* *Roh*
 3 *Philip* *Menchen* *McLennick* *Boice* *Harp*
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE
 5 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ISSUE NEW NUMBER PLATES FOR MOTOR
 6 VEHICLES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1991; AMENDING SECTIONS
 7 2-89-302, 61-3-321, AND 61-3-332, MCA."

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

10 **Section 1.** Section 61-3-332, MCA, is amended to read:

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

1 only (including used trucks and trailers) which--shall that
 2 bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter "U" and the
 3 word "DEALER", and one for dealers in trailers and/or
 4 semitrailers (new or used) which--shall that bear the
 5 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 6 "DEALER". All such markings for the aforementioned kinds of
 7 dealers' plates shall must be placed on the number plates
 8 assigned thereto in such the position thereon--as that the
 9 department may--designate designates.

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

17 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the
 18 department shall create a new design for number plates as
 19 provided in this section, and it shall manufacture the newly
 20 designed number plates for issuance after January 1, 1991,
 21 to replace, at renewal as required in 61-3-312 and 61-3-314,
 22 number plates that were displayed on motor vehicles before
 23 that date.

24 (3)(4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, plates
 25 shall must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in

length. The outline of the state of Montana ~~shall~~ must be used as a distinctive border on such license plates, and the word "Montana" ~~with~~ and the year ~~shall~~ must be placed across the plates. Such registration plates ~~shall~~ must be treated with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the department.

~~{4}(5)~~ The distinctive registration numbers ~~shall~~ must begin with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of letters and numbers. The distinctive registration number or letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle ~~shall~~ must appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal baseline, ~~and, the~~ The county number ~~shall~~ must be separated from the distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such numerals and letters ~~shall~~ must be determined by the department, ~~provided-that~~ and all county and registration numbers ~~shall~~ must be of equal height.

~~{5}(6)~~ For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings herein provided, number plates ~~shall~~ must have thereon the following distinctive markings:

(a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may designate the prefix number for the various state departments, ~~--and--all,~~ All numbered plates issued to state

departments ~~shall~~ must bear the words "State Owned", and no year number ~~will~~ may be indicated thereon ~~as~~ because these numbered plates ~~will-be~~ are of a permanent nature and will be replaced by the department ~~at-such-time~~ only when the physical condition of numbered plates requires ~~same~~ it.

(b) For vehicles that are owned by the counties, municipalities, irrigation districts organized under the laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and school districts and that are used and operated by officials and employees thereof in line of duty ~~as-such,~~ and for vehicles on loan from the United States government or the state of Montana, to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty ~~as-such,~~ there ~~shall~~ must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, in ~~such a~~ a position ~~thereon-as~~ that the department may designate, the letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the counties in the state and those of the municipalities and school districts situated within each of ~~said~~ the counties and those of the irrigation districts ~~which~~ that obtain plates within each county ~~shall~~ must begin with number one and be numbered consecutively.

~~{6}(7)~~ On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks

and tax-exempt trailers, there ~~shall~~ must appear the letter "T" or the word "TRUCK" ~~for on~~ plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" or the word "TRAILER" ~~for on~~ plates assigned to trailers and housetrailers. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" ~~shall~~ must appear ~~for on~~ plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or quadricycle type.

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

~~{8}~~(9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state ~~shall--be~~ are assigned numbers as follows: Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4; Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42; Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45;

Granite, 46; Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson, 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum, 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties ~~shall~~ must be assigned numbers by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the number 57."

Section 2. Section 61-3-321, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-321. Registration fees of vehicles -- public-owned vehicles exempt from license or registration fees -- disposition of fees. (1) Registration or license fees ~~shall~~ must be paid upon registration or reregistration of motor vehicles, trailers, housetrailers, and semitrailers, in accordance with this chapter, as follows:

(a) motor vehicles weighing 2,850 pounds or under (other than motortrucks), \$5;

(b) motor vehicles weighing over 2,850 pounds (other than motortrucks), \$10;

(c) electrically driven passenger vehicles, \$10;

(d) all motorcycles and quadricycles, \$2;

(e) tractors and/or trucks, \$10;

(f) buses ~~shall-be~~ are classed as motortrucks and licensed accordingly;

(g) trailers and semitrailers less than 2,500 pounds maximum gross loaded weight and housetrailers of all weights, \$2;

(h) trailers and semitrailers over 2,500 up to 6,000

pounds maximum gross loaded weight (except housetrailers),
\$5;

(i) trailers and semitrailers over 6,000 pounds
maximum gross loaded weight, \$10;

(j) trailers used exclusively in the transportation of
logs in the forest or in the transportation of oil and gas
well machinery, road machinery, or bridge materials, new and
secondhand, ~~shall--pay-a-fee-of~~ \$15 annually, regardless of
size or capacity.

(2) All rates ~~shall--be~~ are 25% higher for motor
vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers not equipped with
pneumatic tires.

(3) "Tractor", as specified in this section, means any
motor vehicle except passenger cars used for towing a
trailer or semitrailer.

(4) If any motor vehicle, housetrailer, trailer, or
semitrailer is originally registered 6 months after the time
of registration as set by law, the registration or license
fee for the remainder of the year ~~shall-be~~ is one-half of
the regular fee.

(5) An additional fee of \$3 per year for each
registration of a vehicle ~~shall~~ must be collected as a
registration fee. Revenue from this fee ~~shall~~ must be
forwarded by the respective county treasurers to the state
treasurer for deposit in the motor vehicle recording account

of the state special revenue fund.

(6) The provisions of this part with respect to the
payment of registration fees ~~shall do~~ do not apply to ~~or-be and~~
are not binding upon motor vehicles, trailers or
semitrailers, or tractors owned or controlled by the United
States of America or any state, county, or city.

(7) The provisions of this section relating to the
payment of registration fees do not apply when number plates
are transferred to a replacement vehicle under 61-3-317,
61-3-332{7}, or 61-3-335."

Section 3. Section 2-89-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-89-302. (Temporary) Commemorative centennial
license plates. (1) Notwithstanding the 4-year period
provided for in 61-3-332(2), the department of justice may
issue commemorative centennial license plates for a
different period if requested by the Montana statehood
centennial office, at prices to be agreed upon by the
department and the office as provided in 2-89-303.

(2) Commemorative license plates may be:

(a) collectors' license plates, intended to be
collectors' items only, distinctively marked or colored.
Such plates may be designated as not valid for the purpose
of licensing motor vehicles within the state; or

(b) special or limited duration license plates valid
for licensing motor vehicles in the state and carrying the

1 same general centennial design as regularly issued license
2 plates provided for in 2-89-301, except that they may differ
3 from such regular license plates by:

4 (i) color;
5 (ii) use of a distinctive series of registration
6 numbers or special prefixes or suffixes for the
7 registration numbers; and

8 (iii) by other details not distracting from legibility
9 or recognition of the license plate.

10 (3) (a) The proceeds from the sale of commemorative
11 license plates, after payment of the agreed price to the
12 department, must be used for centennial activities of the
13 office as provided in part 1 of this chapter.

14 (b) A county shall assess an additional fee of \$3 for
15 each set of commemorative centennial license plates issued
16 in the county to defray the costs incurred by the county
17 treasurer. The county treasurer shall collect the fee and
18 deposit the money in the county general fund.

19 (c) The issuance of commemorative license plates must
20 be made at no direct cost to the state.

21 (4) Commemorative license plates that are valid for
22 licensing a motor vehicle must carry the assigned county
23 number, as established in 61-3-332~~(8)~~, either within the
24 registration numbers or by means of an affixed nonremovable
25 sticker bearing the appropriate county designation and used

1 in accordance with instructions by the department.
2 (Terminates July 1, 1991--sec. 5, Ch. 674, L. 1985.)"

3 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Extension of authority.** Any
4 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the
5 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of
6 [this act].

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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 HB245, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:


An Act requiring the Department of Justice to issue new license plates for motor vehicles beginning January 1, 1991; amending Sections 2-89-302, 61-3-321, and 61-3-332, MCA.


ASSUMPTIONS:

1. That 2,032,000 new design plates will have to be manufactured prior to June 30, 1991, and the average cost to produce one plate during the 1991 biennium is \$1.13.
2. The entire FY90 current level budget will be needed in addition to the costs of the new plates, but only half of the FY91 current level budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

		<u>FY90</u>			<u>FY91</u>	
License Plate Factory	Current	Proposed		Current	Proposed	
Montana State Prison	Law	Law	Difference	Law	Law	Difference
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Personal Services	\$ 65,658	\$ 90,658	\$ 25,000	\$ 65,644	\$ 90,644	\$ 25,000
Operating Expenses	352,512	1,475,512	1,123,000	379,278	1,368,778	989,500
Total	<u>\$418,170</u>	<u>\$1,566,170</u>	<u>\$1,148,000</u>	<u>\$444,922</u>	<u>\$1,459,422</u>	<u>\$1,014,500</u>
<u>Funding:</u>						
Motor Vehicle	\$418,170	\$ 418,170	\$ -0-	\$444,922	\$ 444,922	\$ -0-
General Fund	-0-	1,148,000	1,148,000	-0-	1,014,500	1,014,500
Total	<u>\$418,170</u>	<u>\$1,566,170</u>	<u>\$1,148,000</u>	<u>\$444,922</u>	<u>\$1,459,422</u>	<u>\$1,014,500</u>


 RAY SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR
 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING
 DATE 1/24/89


 JOE QUILICI, PRIMARY SPONSOR
 DATE
 Fiscal Note for HB245, as introduced

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB245, on second reading.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:


An Act requiring the Department of Justice to issue new license plates for motor vehicles beginning January 1, 1990; requiring issuance of new number plates in 1994; providing a fee for issuance of new number plates; extending until July 1, 1996, the validity of commemorative centennial license plates; amending Sections 2-89-302, 61-3-321, and 61-3-332, MCA, and Section 5, chapter 674, Laws of 1985; and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. General reissue of license plates.
2. Assume production to begin 1/2/90. This target date could be difficult to achieve. Design of the plates and setup for production could delay the start date.
3. Assume production of plates will take approximately 9 months with two shifts of inmates and some overtime.
4. A biennial appropriation would ease the time restraints.
5. 50,000 sets of commemorative centennial license plates will be issued by 12/31/89, and they will all be retained, at least through the 1991 biennium.
6. Trailer and motorcycle owners, although receiving only one new number plate, will pay the full \$2 fee according to 61-3-321 (6).

FISCAL IMPACT:

	Current Law	FY90 Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	FY91 Proposed Law	Difference
<u>MONTANA STATE PRISON:</u>						
<u>License Plate Factory</u>						
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Personal Services	\$ 65,658	\$ 78,228	\$ 12,570	\$ 65,644	\$ 72,434	\$ 6,790
Operating Expenses	352,512	2,210,729	1,858,217	379,278	790,570	411,292
Total	\$418,170	\$2,288,957	\$1,870,781	\$444,922	\$ 863,004	\$ 418,082
<u>Funding:</u>						
Motor Vehicle	\$418,170	\$2,288,957	\$1,870,781	\$444,922	\$ 863,004	\$ 418,082


 RAY SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR
 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

2/27/89
 DATE


 JOE QUILICI, PRIMARY SPONSOR

3/22/89
 DATE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Registrar's Bureau

	<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>
Personal Services	\$1,332,154	\$1,332,154	\$ -0-	\$1,334,424	\$1,334,424	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	821,269	861,269	40,000	818,532	869,532	51,000
Equipment	21,212	21,212	-0-	19,612	19,612	-0-
TOTAL	\$2,174,635	\$2,214,635	\$ 40,000	\$2,172,568	\$2,223,568	\$ 51,000
<u>Funding:</u>						
Motor Vehicle	\$2,174,635	\$2,214,635	\$ 40,000	\$2,172,568	\$2,223,568	\$ 51,000
<u>Revenue:</u>						
Motor Vehicle						
New Plate Fee	\$ -0-	\$ 860,000	\$ 860,000	\$ -0-	\$ 860,000	\$ 860,000
<u>Net Effect:</u>			(\$1,050,781)			\$ 390,918

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A re-issue of license plates in 1994 will cost approximately the same as requested in the 1991 biennium.

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

The amended section 61-3-321(6) charges a \$2 fee for a "set" of plates. Trailers and motorcycles receive only one plate.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

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VEHICLES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, ~~1991~~ 1990; REQUIRING ISSUANCE
OF NEW NUMBER PLATES IN 1994; PROVIDING A FEE FOR ISSUANCE
OF NEW NUMBER PLATES; EXTENDING UNTIL JULY 1, 1996, THE
VALIDITY OF COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL LICENSE PLATES;
AMENDING SECTIONS 2-89-302, 61-3-321, AND 61-3-332, MCA, AND
SECTION 5, CHAPTER 674, LAWS OF 1985; AND PROVIDING AN
IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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shall provide nonremovable stickers bearing appropriate
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the license plates in use.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the department shall:

(A) create a new design for number plates as provided in this section, and it shall manufacture the newly designed number plates for issuance after January 1, 1991, to replace, at renewal as required in 61-3-312 and 61-3-314, number plates that were displayed on motor vehicles before that date; AND

(B) SUBSEQUENTLY CREATE A NEW DESIGN FOR NUMBER PLATES AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AND IT SHALL MANUFACTURE THOSE PLATES FOR ISSUANCE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1994, TO REPLACE, AT RENEWAL AS REQUIRED IN 61-3-312 AND 61-3-314, NUMBER PLATES THAT WERE DISPLAYED ON MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (3)(A).

(4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, plates shall must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. The outline of the state of Montana shall must be used as a distinctive border on such license plates, and the word "Montana" with and the year shall must be placed across the plates. Such registration plates shall must be treated with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the department.

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letters and numbers. The distinctive registration number or letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle shall must appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal baseline; and, the The county number shall must be separated from the distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such numerals and letters shall must be determined by the department, provided that and all county and registration numbers shall must be of equal height.

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 9 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16;
 10 Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20;
 11 Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24;
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 13 29; Deer Lodge, 30; Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33;
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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24 assigned ~~such~~ the vehicle. ~~Such~~ The number plate ~~shall-be~~
25 plates are in eight series: one series for owners of

1 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
2 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
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4 quadricycle type ~~which--shall~~ that bear the distinctive
5 letters "MCD" or the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one
6 for franchised dealers in new motorcars (including trucks
7 and trailers) or new and used motorcars (including trucks
8 and trailers) ~~which-shall~~ that bear the distinctive letter
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18 department ~~may-designate~~ designates.

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24 registration numbers,--~~which--shall~~ that must be affixed to
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(6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings herein provided, number plates shall must have thereon the following distinctive markings:

(a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may designate the prefix number for the various state departments--and--all. All numbered plates issued to state departments shall must bear the words "State Owned", and no year number will may be indicated thereon as because these numbered plates will-be are of a permanent nature and will be replaced by the department at-such--time only when the physical condition of numbered plates requires same it.

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 4 operated by officials and employees thereof in the line of
 5 duty ~~as--such~~, there ~~shall~~ must be placed on the number
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 9 assigned to motor vehicles of each of the counties in the
 10 state and those of the municipalities and school districts
 11 situated within each of ~~said~~ the counties and those of the
 12 irrigation districts ~~which~~ that obtain plates within each
 13 county ~~shall~~ must begin with number one and be numbered
 14 consecutively.

15 ~~{6}{7}~~ On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles
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 17 and tax-exempt trailers, there ~~shall~~ must appear the letter
 18 "T" or the word "TRUCK" ~~for on~~ plates assigned to trucks and
 19 the letters "TR" or the word "TRAILER" ~~for on~~ plates
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 21 the word "CYCLE" ~~shall~~ must appear ~~for on~~ plates assigned to
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1 truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or quadricycle-type vehicle.
 2 No registration or license fee may be assessed upon a
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 9 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16;
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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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March 17, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Highways and Transportation, having had under consideration HB 245 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 245 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

Sponsor: Quillici (Stimatz)

1. Title, line 10.

Strike: "1990"

Insert: "1991"

2. Title, line 11.

Strike: "1994"

Insert: "1995"

3. Title, line 15.

Following: "1985:"

Insert: "PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION,"

4. Title, line 16.

Strike: "AND"

Insert: ", "

Following: "APPLICABILITY DATE"

Insert: ", AND A TERMINATION DATE"

5. Page 3, line 5.

Strike: "1990"

Insert: "1991"

6. Page 3, line 11.

Strike: "1994"

Insert: "1995"

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7. Page 11.

Following: line 5

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 6. Appropriation. (1) The following appropriation is made to the department of institutions for the purpose of implementing [this act],

	<u>FY 1990</u>	<u>FY 1991</u>
Expenditures:		
Personal Services	\$ 11,557	\$ 5,777
Operating Expenses	<u>1,799,883</u>	<u>325,289</u>
Total	\$1,811,440	\$ 331,066
Funding:		
General Fund	\$1,811,440	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle Account	<u>0</u>	<u>331,066</u>
Total	\$1,811,440	\$ 331,066

(2) Any unexpended funds at the end of fiscal year 1990 are reappropriated for fiscal year 1991."

Renumber: subsequent sections

8. Page 11, line 10.

Strike: "1982"

Insert: "1990"

AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

Signed:

Larry J. Tveit
Larry J. Tveit, Chairman

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HB 245
SENATE

SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

March 20, 1989 2:41 pm

Mr. Chairman: I move to amend HB 245 (third reading copy -- blue) as follows:

1. Amend the Senate Committee on Highways and Transportation amendments to HB 245 (third reading copy -- blue) dated March 17, 1989, as follows:

Amendment No. 7

1. Following: line 9 of insert

Insert: "(2) The following appropriation is made to the department of justice for the purpose of implementing [this act]:

\$ 71,400"

2. Line 13 of insert.

Strike: "331,066"

Insert: "402,466"

3. Line 14 of insert.

Strike: "\$ 331,066"

Insert: "\$ 402,466"

4. Line 16 of insert.

Strike: "(2)"

Insert: "(3)"

ADOPT

REJECT

Signed: Lawrence A. Stimpert
Senator Stimpert

SENATE
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1 districts and that are used and operated by officials and
 2 employees thereof in line of duty ~~as-such~~, and for vehicles
 3 on loan from the United States government or the state of
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 5 operated by officials and employees thereof in the line of
 6 duty ~~as-such~~, there ~~shall~~ must be placed on the number
 7 plates assigned thereto, in such a position thereon-as that
 8 the department may designate, the letter "X" or the word
 9 "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers for plates
 10 assigned to motor vehicles of each of the counties in the
 11 state and those of the municipalities and school districts
 12 situated within each of ~~said the~~ counties and those of the
 13 irrigation districts which that obtain plates within each
 14 county ~~shall~~ must begin with number one and be numbered
 15 consecutively.

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 19 "T" or the word "TRUCK" for on plates assigned to trucks and
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3 of motor vehicles, trailers, housetrailers, and
4 semitrailers, in accordance with this chapter, as follows:

5 (a) motor vehicles weighing 2,850 pounds or under
6 (other than motortrucks), \$5;

7 (b) motor vehicles weighing over 2,850 pounds (other
8 than motortrucks), \$10;

9 (c) electrically driven passenger vehicles, \$10;

10 (d) all motorcycles and quadricycles, \$2;

11 (e) tractors and/or trucks, \$10;

12 (f) buses ~~shall-be~~ are classed as motortrucks and
13 licensed accordingly;

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15 maximum gross loaded weight and housetrailers of all
16 weights, \$2;

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18 pounds maximum gross loaded weight (except housetrailers),
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23 logs in the forest or in the transportation of oil and gas
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4 pneumatic tires.

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6 motor vehicle except passenger cars used for towing a
7 trailer or semitrailer.

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13 (5) An additional fee of \$3 per year for each
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19 (6) A FEE OF \$2 FOR EACH SET OF NEW NUMBER PLATES MUST
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3 registration numbers; and

4 (iii) by other details not distracting from legibility
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7 license plates, after payment of the agreed price to the
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13 treasurer. The county treasurer shall collect the fee and
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	<u>FY 1990</u>	<u>FY 1991</u>
10		
11	<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	
12	<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	<u>\$ 11,557</u>
13	<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	<u>1,799,883</u>
14		
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17 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING [THIS
18 ACT]: \$71,400

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GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL 245
(REFERENCE COPY)
April 12, 1989

1. Title, line 10.
Following: "1991,"
Strike: "REQUIRING"
2. Title, line 11.
Strike: "ISSUANCE OF NEW NUMBER PLATES IN 1995;"
3. Page 3, line 9.
Following: "that date"
Strike: "; AND"
Insert: "."
4. Page 3, lines 10 through 15.
Strike: lines 10 through 15 in their entirety.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 245

INTRODUCED BY QUILICI, DRISCOLL, CLARK, ROTH,
SIMPKINS, ABRAMS, HAGER, ANDERSON, BISHOP, HARP,
PHILLIPS, MENAHAN, MCCORMICK, SMITH, PAVLOVICH,
WALLIN, DAILY, HARRINGTON, LYNCH, O'KEEFE,
GILBERT, BOYLAN, SWYSGOOD, D. BROWN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ISSUE NEW NUMBER PLATES FOR MOTOR
VEHICLES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, ~~1991~~ 1990 1991; REQUIRING
ISSUANCE--OF-NEW-NUMBER-PLATES-IN 1994 1995; PROVIDING A FEE
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1996, THE VALIDITY OF COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL LICENSE
PLATES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-89-302, 61-3-321, AND 61-3-332,
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APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE,
AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 61-3-332, MCA, is amended to read:

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~~which--shall--be~~ that is driven upon the streets or highways
~~of this-state-shall~~ Montana must display both front and rear
a number plate plates, bearing the distinctive number
assigned ~~such~~ the vehicle. ~~Such~~ The number plate-shall-be

plates are in eight series: one series for owners of
motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
quadricycle type ~~which--shall~~ that bear the distinctive
letters "MCD" or the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one
for franchised dealers in new motorcars (including trucks
and trailers) or new and used motorcars (including trucks
and trailers) ~~which-shall~~ that bear the distinctive letter
"D" or the word "DEALER", one for dealers in used motorcars
only (including used trucks and trailers) ~~which-shall~~ that
bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter "U" and the
word "DEALER", and one for dealers in trailers and/or
semitrailers (new or used) ~~which--shall~~ that bear the
distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
"DEALER". All such markings for the aforementioned kinds of
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assigned thereto in ~~such~~ the position ~~thereon--as~~ that the
department ~~may-designate~~ designates.

(2) All number plates for motor vehicles ~~shall~~ must be
issued for a minimum period of 4 years, ~~shall~~ bear a
distinctive marking, and ~~shall~~ be furnished by the state.
In years when number plates are not issued, the department
shall provide nonremovable stickers bearing appropriate
registration numbers,--~~which--shall~~ that must be affixed to

the license plates in use.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the department shall:

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~~(B) -- SUBSEQUENTLY CREATE A NEW DESIGN FOR NUMBER PLATES AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AND IT SHALL MANUFACTURE THOSE PLATES FOR ISSUANCE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1994 1995, TO REPLACE, AT RENEWAL AS REQUIRED IN 61-3-312 AND 61-3-314, NUMBER PLATES THAT WERE DISPLAYED ON MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (3)(A);~~

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<u>FUNDING:</u>		
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<u>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCOUNT</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>331,066</u>
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