HOUSE BILL NO. 466

INTRODUCED BY BLOTKAMP, WALLIN, ELLIOTT, STANG, O'KEEFE, LYNCH, HALLIGAN, RASMUSSEN, HARP

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JANUARY 27, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 3, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 4, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 6, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 7, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 8, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 96; NOES, 2.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.
IN	THE SENATE
FEBRUARY 9, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 15, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 17, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 20, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 0.

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7	COMPANY FROM \$100 TO \$5,000; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 46-9-411,
8	46-9-412, AND 46-9-414, MCA."
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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14	means any printed card or other certificate which:
15	(1) is issued by an automobile club or association or

(2) is signed by the member or insured and contains a printed statement that the automobile club, automobile association, or insurance company and a surety company or an insurance company authorized to transact both automobile liability insurance and surety business in the state of

insurance company to any of its members or insureds; and

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Section 2. Section 46-9-412, MCA, is amended to read:

"46-9-412. Sureties for guaranteed arrest bond certificates. (1) A domestic or foreign surety company which has qualified to transact surety business in this state may in any year become surety in an amount not exceeding \$100 \$5,000 with respect to any guaranteed arrest bond certificates issued in such year by an automobile club or association or by an insurance company authorized to write automobile liability insurance within this state by filing with the commissioner of insurance an undertaking thus to become surety.

- (2) The undertaking shall be in a form to be prescribed by the commissioner and shall state the following:
- (a) the name and address of the automobile clubs, automobile associations, or insurance companies which issued the guaranteed arrest bond certificates with respect to which the surety company undertakes to be surety; and
- (b) the unqualified obligation of the surety company to pay the fine or forfeiture in an amount not exceeding \$100 \$5,000 of any person who, after posting a guaranteed arrest bond certificate with respect to which the surety

company has undertaken to be surety, fails to make the appearance to guarantee which the guaranteed arrest bond certificate was posted."

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Section 3. Section 46-9-414, MCA, is amended to read:

*46-9-414. Motor vehicle violations -- certificates accepted in lieu of cash. A quaranteed arrest bond certificate with respect to which a surety company has become surety or a quaranteed arrest bond certificate issued by an insurance company authorized to transact automobile liability insurance and surety business within this state as provided in 46-9-411 and 46-9-412 shall, when posted by the person whose signature appears thereon on the certificate, be accepted in lieu of cash bail in an amount not exceeding \$100 \$5,000 as a bail bond to quarantee the appearance of the person in any court, including municipal courts, in this state at such a time as may be required by the court when the person was arrested for violation of a motor vehicle law of this state or ordinance of a municipality in this state (except for the offense of driving while intoxicated or for any felony) committed prior to the date of expiration shown on the guaranteed arrest bond certificate. A quaranteed arrest bond certificate posted as a bail bond in a court in this state is subject to the same forfeiture and enforcement provisions as bail bonds posted in criminal cases, and a quaranteed arrest bond certificate posted as a bail bond in a municipal court in this state is subject to the forfeiture and enforcement provisions of the chapter or ordinance of the particular municipality pertaining to bail bonds posted."

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

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- (2) is signed by the member or insured and contains a printed statement that the automobile club, automobile association, or insurance company and a surety company or an insurance company authorized to transact both automobile liability insurance and surety business in the state of Montana:
- (a) guarantee the appearance of the person whose signature appears on the card or certificate; and
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