

HOUSE BILL 32

Introduced by DeBruycker

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE SYSTEM OF
5 REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ALLOW THE BUYER OF A USED
6 MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS SUBJECT TO A JANUARY 1 REGISTRATION
7 THE OPTION TO REGISTER THE VEHICLE ON JANUARY 1 OR ON A
8 STAGGERED REGISTRATION SCHEDULE BASED ON THE DATE OF
9 PURCHASE; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-312 AND 61-3-501, MCA; AND
10 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

13 Section 1. Section 61-3-312, MCA, is amended to read:

14 "61-3-312. Renewal of registration. (1) Except as
15 provided in 61-3-314 and, 61-3-526, and [section 2], every
16 vehicle registration under this chapter ~~shall-expire~~ expires
17 on December 31 of each year and must be renewed annually
18 upon application and payment of license fees as provided in
19 61-3-303 and 61-3-321. The renewal takes effect on January 1
20 of each year. The certificate of registration is valid only
21 during the registration year for which issued.

22 (2) The owner of a vehicle registered under the
23 provisions of this section is entitled to operate the
24 vehicle between January 1 and February 15 without displaying
25 the registration certificate of the current year, on

1 condition that the owner shall, during the period, display
2 upon the vehicle the number plates or plate assigned for the
3 previous year."

4 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Used motor vehicle --
5 registration option. The purchaser of a used motor vehicle
6 that is subject to annual registration renewal under
7 61-3-312 may choose to:

8 (1) continue the annual registration of the motor
9 vehicle under 61-3-312; or

10 (2) subject the motor vehicle to staggered registration
11 under 61-3-313 through 61-3-316. If staggered registration
12 is chosen, the date of purchase becomes the anniversary date
13 for determining the applicable registration period for
14 purposes of staggered registration. The department of
15 revenue shall prorate taxes and fees on the vehicle in the
16 manner described in 61-3-501(3).

17 Section 3. Section 61-3-501, MCA, is amended to read:

18 "61-3-501. When vehicle taxes and fees are due. (1)
19 Property taxes, new car taxes, and fees must be paid on the
20 date of registration or reregistration of the vehicle.

21 (2) If the anniversary date for reregistration of a
22 vehicle passes while the vehicle is owned and held for sale
23 by a licensed new or used car dealer, property taxes abate
24 on such the vehicle properly reported with the department of
25 revenue until the vehicle is sold and thereafter the

1 purchaser shall pay the pro rata balance of the taxes due
2 and owing on the vehicle.

3 (3) In the event a vehicle's registration period is
4 changed under 61-3-315 or [section 2(2)], all taxes and
5 other fees due ~~thereon-shall~~ on the vehicle must be prorated
6 and paid from the last day of the old period until the first
7 day of the new period in which the vehicle ~~shall--be~~ is
8 registered. Thereafter taxes and other fees must be paid
9 from the first day of the new period for a minimum period of
10 1 year. When the change is to a later registration period,
11 taxes and fees ~~shall~~ must be prorated and paid based on the
12 same tax year as the original registration period.
13 Thereafter, during the appropriate anniversary registration
14 period, each vehicle ~~shall~~ must again register-or-reregister
15 be registered or reregistered and ~~shall-pay~~ all taxes and
16 fees ~~due-thereon~~ must be paid on the vehicle for a 12-month
17 period."

18 NEW SECTION. **Section 4.** Codification instruction.
19 [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part
20 of Title 61, chapter 3, part 3, and the provisions of Title
21 61, chapter 3, part 3, apply to [section 2].

22 NEW SECTION. **Section 5.** Effective date. [This act] is
23 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 HB0032, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act revising the system of registration of motor vehicles to allow the buyer of a used motor vehicle that is subject to a January 1 registration the option to register the vehicle on January 1 or on a staggered registration schedule based on the date of purchase.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The bill has no fiscal impact on expenditures or revenue collected by the Department of Justice and the Department of Revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

None.

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Fiscal Note for HB0032, as introduced

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