

HOUSE BILL NO. 256
INTRODUCED BY TOOLE, LARSON

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 20, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 1, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 2, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 3, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 4, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 5, 1993	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 94; NOES, 4.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 8, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 5, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 6, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 8, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 16, 1993	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.
	REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 House BILL NO. 256
2 INTRODUCED BY Howard F. Brown
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A 100
5 PERCENT DISABLED VETERAN MAY PAY THE SAME FEE FOR ANY
6 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR WHICH THE DISABLED VETERAN IS
7 ELIGIBLE AS THE DISABLED VETERAN WOULD PAY FOR A DISABLED
8 VETERAN'S LICENSE PLATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 49-4-302,
9 61-3-313, 61-3-332, 61-3-452, 61-3-453, 61-3-454, AND
10 61-3-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

13 **Section 1.** Section 49-4-302, MCA, is amended to read:

14 "49-4-302. Privileges of permitholder -- privilege for
15 disabled veteran -- exemptions from time limits --
16 requirements for special parking spaces. (1) The parking
17 permit issued under this part, when displayed, entitles a
18 person to park a motor vehicle in special parking spaces
19 reserved for handicapped persons whether on public property
20 or on private property available for public use.

21 (2) No vehicle other than one lawfully displaying a
22 parking permit issued under this part or one displaying a
23 distinguishing handicapped person's license plate or placard
24 issued by a foreign jurisdiction conferring the same parking
25 privileges as conferred in subsection (1) and conveying a

1 handicapped person or one displaying a specially inscribed
2 license plate issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and
3 conveying a 100% disabled veteran may be parked in a parking
4 space on public or private property that is clearly
5 identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by
6 handicapped persons.

7 (3) The governing body of a city, town, or county may
8 exempt vehicles lawfully displaying parking permits issued
9 under this part and vehicles lawfully displaying specially
10 inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A)
11 and parked in public places along public streets from any
12 time limitation imposed upon parking in such area except in
13 areas where:

14 (a) stopping, standing, or parking of all vehicles is
15 prohibited;

16 (b) only special vehicles may be parked; or

17 (c) parking is not allowed during specific periods of
18 the day in order to accommodate heavy traffic.

19 (4) In accordance with subsection (2), the governing
20 body of a city, town, or county or appropriate state agency
21 may impose all, but not less than all, of the following
22 requirements with respect to any special parking space
23 constructed after September 30, 1985, and reserved for
24 handicapped persons or permitholders on ways of this state
25 open to the public as defined in 61-8-101:

(a) The space must be located on a smooth, level surface as near as practicable to building entrances or walkways that have curb cuts and appropriately designed ramps and access lanes to accommodate wheelchairs.

(b) If parallel to curbside, the parking space must be separated from an adjacent space, either in the front or the rear, by at least 5 feet of striped no-parking area.

(c) If at an angle to curbside, the parking space must be at least 8 feet wide and free of obstruction if located at the end of a line of angle parking spaces, and each other angle parking space designated for handicapped persons must be at least 13 feet wide.

(d) A parking space reserved for handicapped persons must be designated by a sign showing the international symbol of accessibility and indicating that a permit is required. The sign must be attached to a wall or post in such a way that it is not obscured by a vehicle parked in the space."

Section 2. Section 61-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-313. Vehicles subject to staggered registration. For purposes of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 "vehicle" means any motor vehicle as defined in 61-1-102 subject to annual registration in this state except:

(1) vehicles owned or leased and operated by the government of the United States, of the state of Montana, or

its political subdivisions;

(2) mobile homes and motor homes;

(3) vehicles that are registered in accordance with or subject to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), 61-3-411, or 61-3-421;

(4) trucks exceeding a licensed gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds;

(5) trailers, semitrailers, tractors, buses, motorcycles, quadricycles, and motor-driven cycles;

(6) special mobile equipment as defined in 61-1-104;

(7) motor vehicles registered as part of a fleet under 61-3-318."

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

"61-3-332. (Temporary) Number plates. (1) A motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of Montana must display both front and rear number plates, bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The number plates are in 10 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 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) that bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one

for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the department designates.

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

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

(4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, plates must be

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

(5) The distinctive registration numbers 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 must appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal baseline. The county number 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 must be determined by the department, and all county and registration numbers must be of equal height.

(6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings provided in this section, number plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

(a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may designate the prefix number for the various state

1 departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments
2 must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may
3 not be indicated thereon on the plates because these
4 numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be
5 replaced by the department only when the physical condition
6 of numbered plates requires it.

7 (b) For vehicles that are owned by the counties,
8 municipalities, irrigation districts organized under the
9 laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and school
10 districts and that are used and operated by officials and
11 employees thereof in line of duty and for vehicles on loan
12 from the United States government or the state of Montana
13 to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated
14 by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty,
15 there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto,
16 in a position that the department may designate, the letter
17 "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers
18 for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the
19 counties in the state and those of the municipalities and
20 school districts situated within each of the counties and
21 those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within
22 each county must begin with number one and be numbered
23 consecutively. Because these number plates are of a
24 permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the
25 department only when the physical condition of the number

1 plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on
2 the number plates.

3 (7) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of
4 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and
5 tax-exempt trailers, there must appear the letter "T" or the
6 word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters
7 "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers
8 and housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must
9 appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or
10 quadricycle type.

11 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,
12 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
13 may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car,
14 truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or quadricycle-type vehicle.
15 No A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a
16 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

17 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several
18 counties of the state are assigned numbers as follows:
19 Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4;
20 Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8;
21 Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12;
22 Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt,
23 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big
24 Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera,
25 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30;

1 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34;
 2 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38;
 3 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;
 4 Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
 5 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
 6 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum,
 7 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers
 8 by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the
 9 number 57.

10 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 11 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
 12 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 13 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number
 14 must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal
 15 designating the group or organization to which the applicant
 16 belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this
 17 section, the special plates are subject to the same rules
 18 and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates,
 19 must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person
 20 who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon
 21 sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special
 22 license plates must be issued to national guard members,
 23 former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists,
 24 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,
 25 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed

1 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 2 with the following provisions:

3 (a) An active member of the Montana national guard may
 4 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 5 displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall
 6 issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a
 7 certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of
 8 national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the
 9 plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use
 10 them.

11 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the
 12 United States of America who is a resident of this state may
 13 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 14 displaying the following:-- United States army reserve, AR
 15 (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United
 16 States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States
 17 marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
 18 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to
 19 each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
 20 authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member
 21 shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming
 22 ineligible to use them.

23 (c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the
 24 armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled
 25 because of an injury that has been determined by the

1 department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may,
2 upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
3 disability, be issued:

4 (A) a special license plate under this section with a
5 design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

6 (B) any other plate that the disabled veteran is
7 eligible to receive under this section.

8 {ii} The fee for original or renewal registration by
9 a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck
10 with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in
11 lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this
12 chapter.

13 {iii} Special license plates issued to a disabled
14 veteran are not transferable to another person.

15 {iv} A disabled veteran is not entitled to a
16 special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one
17 vehicle.

18 {v} A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled
19 veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled
20 veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a
21 handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

22 (d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed
23 forces of the United States and was captured and held
24 prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented
25 by his the veteran's service record, may upon application

1 and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate
2 with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of
3 war" or an abbreviation the department considers
4 appropriate.

5 (e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon
6 payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of
7 this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the
8 department that the applicant meets the requirements of this
9 subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana
10 resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the
11 United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle
12 only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor
13 of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of
14 the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on
15 station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m.
16 to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of
17 Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles,
18 and received an honorable discharge from the United States
19 armed forces. If special license plates issued under this
20 subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of
21 the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request
22 and without charge.

23 (f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state
24 who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States
25 may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in

1 subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from
 2 the armed services under other than dishonorable
 3 circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

4 (i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by
 5 the department, of his the person's qualification under this
 6 subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu
 7 of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special
 8 license plates numbered in sets of two with a different
 9 number on each set. The plates must display:

10 (A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the
 11 United States army, United States navy, United States air
 12 force, United States marine corps, or United States coast
 13 guard, according to the record of service verified in the
 14 application; or

15 (B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

16 (ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the
 17 county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified
 18 veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the
 19 vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application
 20 and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the
 21 vehicle.

22 (iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), a
 23 veteran who receives special license plates under this
 24 subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and
 25 fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a

1 special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of
 2 \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this
 3 subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

4 (A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general
 5 fund;

6 (B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

7 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the
 8 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department
 9 of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature
 10 for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state
 11 veterans' cemetery.

12 (iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the
 13 county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as
 14 provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

15 (g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a
 16 special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written
 17 application on a form prescribed by the department, be
 18 issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 19 bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of
 20 the handicapped person. (Terminates July 1, 1996--sec. 4,
 21 Ch. 654, L. 1989.)

22 61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) Number plates. (1) A
 23 motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of
 24 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
 25 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The

1 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
 2 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
 3 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
 4 trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
 5 quadricycle type that bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or
 6 the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one for franchised
 7 dealers in new motorcars (including trucks and trailers) or
 8 new and used motorcars (including trucks and trailers) that
 9 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 10 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 11 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the
 12 letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
 13 trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the
 14 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 15 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
 16 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
 17 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
 18 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
 19 the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the
 20 department designates.

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

1 be affixed to the license plates in use.

2 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the
 3 department shall create a new design for number plates as
 4 provided in this section, ~~and it shall manufacture the newly~~
 5 ~~designed number plates for issuance after January 1, 1991,~~
 6 ~~to replace, at renewal as required in 61-3-312 and 61-3-314,~~
 7 ~~number plates that were displayed on motor vehicles before~~
 8 ~~that date.~~

9 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, number plates
 10 must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. For
 11 number plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of
 12 Montana must be used as a distinctive border on such the
 13 license plates, and the word "Montana" and the year must be
 14 placed across the bottom of the plates. ~~Such registration~~
 15 Registration plates must be treated with a reflectorized
 16 background material according to specifications prescribed
 17 by the department.

18 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin
 19 with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such
 20 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of
 21 letters and numbers and be numbered consecutively for each
 22 series of plates. The distinctive registration number or
 23 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must
 24 appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and
 25 appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal

baseline. The county number 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 must be determined by the department, and all county and registration numbers must be of equal height.

(6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings in this section provided, number plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

(a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may designate the prefix number for the various state departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may not be indicated thereon on the plates because these numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be replaced by the department only when the physical condition of numbered plates requires 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 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,

there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, in a position 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 the counties and those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within each county must begin with number one and be numbered consecutively. Because these number plates are of a permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the department only when the physical condition of the number plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on the number plates.

(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 must appear the letter "T" or the word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers and housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or quadricycle type.

(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 A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

(9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state 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 must be assigned numbers by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the number 57.

(10) Each type of special license plate approved by the legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as provided in subsection (5), except that the county number must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal

designating the group or organization to which the applicant belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this section, the special plates are subject to the same rules and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates, must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special license plates must be issued to national guard members, former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists, disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack, veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply with the following provisions:

(a) An active member of the Montana national guard may be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

(b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the United States of America who is a resident of this state may be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the following: United States army reserve, AR

(symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

(c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled because of an injury that has been determined by the department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100% disability, be issued:

(A) a special license plate under this section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

(B) any other plate that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under this section.

{i}{ii} The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this chapter.

{i}{iii} Special license plates issued to a disabled veteran are not transferable to another person.

{i}{iv} A disabled veteran is not entitled to a special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one vehicle.

{iv}{v} A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

(d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by his the veteran's service record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of war" or an abbreviation the department considers appropriate.

(e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on

station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles, and received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces. If special license plates issued under this subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request and without charge.

(f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from the armed services under other than dishonorable circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

(i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by the department, of his the person's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special license plates numbered in sets of two with a different number on each set. The plates must display:

(A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the United States army, United States navy, United States air force, United States marine corps, or United States coast guard, according to the record of service verified in the application; or

(B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

(ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle.

(iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), a veteran who receives special license plates under this subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

(A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general fund;

(B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

(C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the department of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' cemetery.

(iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

(g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written application on a form prescribed by the department, be issued a special license plate with a design or decal bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of the handicapped person."

Section 4. Section 61-3-452, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-452. Disabled veterans' plates nontransferable. The special license plates for disabled veterans issued pursuant to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) are not transferable."

Section 5. Section 61-3-453, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-453. Disabled veterans' plates limited to one automobile or truck -- personalized plates. (1) A disabled veteran is not entitled to special license plates for disabled veterans under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) for more than one passenger automobile or one truck up to and including 1 ton GVW-rated capacity.

(2) Upon submitting the application provided for in 61-3-405 and payment of the \$25 fee provided for in 61-3-406, a disabled veteran must receive personalized disabled veteran license plates."

Section 6. Section 61-3-454, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-454. Special parking privilege. A vehicle lawfully displaying specially inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and conveying a 100%

disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under 49-4-302."

Section 7. Section 61-3-504, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-504. Computation of tax. (1) The amount of taxes on a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, motorcycle, quadricycle, motor home, travel trailer, camper, or mobile home, is computed and determined by the county treasurer on the basis of the levy of the year preceding the current year of application for registration or reregistration.

(2) The amount of tax on an automobile or truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, except for vehicles owned by disabled veterans qualifying for special license plates under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), and on a motorcycle or quadricycle is 2% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(3) The amount of tax on fleet vehicles subject to the provisions of 61-3-318 is 1% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(4) For all taxable motor vehicles, the amount of tax is entered on the application form in a space provided therefor."

NEW SECTION. Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 1994.

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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 HB0256, as introduced.


DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An act providing that a 100% disabled veteran may pay the same fee for any special license plate for which the disabled veteran is eligible as the disabled veteran would pay for a disabled veteran's license plate.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The language in the bill means that a disabled veteran can still purchase just one special plate at the \$5 amount.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact to the Department of Justice.

TECHNICAL NOTES: The bill is not clear as to whether a disabled veteran may purchase one or more than one plate at the \$5 amount. If it is intended as more than one, counties would have a small loss of revenue.

 1-25-93
DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

HOWARD TOOLE, PRIMARY SPONSOR

DATE

Fiscal Note for HB0256, as introduced

HB 256

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

INTRODUCED BY TOOLE, LARSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A 100 PERCENT DISABLED VETERAN MAY PAY THE SAME FEE FOR ANY MILITARY-RELATED SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR WHICH THE DISABLED VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE AS THE DISABLED VETERAN WOULD PAY FOR A DISABLED VETERAN'S LICENSE PLATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 49-4-302, 61-3-313, 61-3-332, 61-3-452, 61-3-453, 61-3-454, AND 61-3-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 49-4-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"49-4-302. Privileges of permitholder -- privilege for disabled veteran -- exemptions from time limits -- requirements for special parking spaces. (1) The parking permit issued under this part, when displayed, entitles a person to park a motor vehicle in special parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons whether on public property or on private property available for public use.

(2) No vehicle other than one lawfully displaying a parking permit issued under this part or one displaying a distinguishing handicapped person's license plate or placard issued by a foreign jurisdiction conferring the same parking

privileges as conferred in subsection (1) and conveying a handicapped person or one displaying a specially inscribed license plate issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and conveying a 100% disabled veteran may be parked in a parking space on public or private property that is clearly identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by handicapped persons.

(3) The governing body of a city, town, or county may exempt vehicles lawfully displaying parking permits issued under this part and vehicles lawfully displaying specially inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and parked in public places along public streets from any time limitation imposed upon parking in such area except in areas where:

(a) stopping, standing, or parking of all vehicles is prohibited;

(b) only special vehicles may be parked; or

(c) parking is not allowed during specific periods of the day in order to accommodate heavy traffic.

(4) In accordance with subsection (2), the governing body of a city, town, or county or appropriate state agency may impose all, but not less than all, of the following requirements with respect to any special parking space constructed after September 30, 1985, and reserved for handicapped persons or permitholders on ways of this state

1 open to the public as defined in 61-8-101:

2 (a) The space must be located on a smooth, level
3 surface as near as practicable to building entrances or
4 walkways that have curb cuts and appropriately designed
5 ramps and access lanes to accommodate wheelchairs.

6 (b) If parallel to curbside, the parking space must be
7 separated from an adjacent space, either in the front or the
8 rear, by at least 5 feet of striped no-parking area.

9 (c) If at an angle to curbside, the parking space must
10 be at least 8 feet wide and free of obstruction if located
11 at the end of a line of angle parking spaces, and each other
12 angle parking space designated for handicapped persons must
13 be at least 13 feet wide.

14 (d) A parking space reserved for handicapped persons
15 must be designated by a sign showing the international
16 symbol of accessibility and indicating that a permit is
17 required. The sign must be attached to a wall or post in
18 such a way that it is not obscured by a vehicle parked in
19 the space."

20 **Section 2.** Section 61-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

21 "61-3-313. Vehicles subject to staggered registration.
22 For purposes of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 "vehicle" means
23 any motor vehicle as defined in 61-1-102 subject to annual
24 registration in this state except:

25 (1) vehicles owned or leased and operated by the

1 government of the United States, of the state of Montana, or
2 its political subdivisions;

3 (2) mobile homes and motor homes;

4 (3) vehicles that are registered in accordance with or
5 subject to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), 61-3-411, or 61-3-421;

6 (4) trucks exceeding a licensed gross vehicle weight of
7 10,000 pounds;

8 (5) trailers, semitrailers, tractors, buses,
9 motorcycles, quadricycles, and motor-driven cycles;

10 (6) special mobile equipment as defined in 61-1-104;

11 (7) motor vehicles registered as part of a fleet under
12 61-3-318."

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

14 "61-3-332. (Temporary) Number plates. (1) A motor
15 vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of
16 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
17 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The
18 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
19 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
20 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
21 trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
22 quadricycle type that bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or
23 the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one for franchised
24 dealers in new motorcars (including trucks and trailers) or
25 new and used motorcars (including trucks and trailers) that

1 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 2 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 3 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the
 4 letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
 5 trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the
 6 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 7 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
 8 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
 9 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
 10 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
 11 the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the
 12 department designates.

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

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

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

9 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin
 10 with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such
 11 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of
 12 letters and numbers. The distinctive registration number or
 13 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must
 14 appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and
 15 appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal
 16 baseline. The county number must be separated from the
 17 distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless
 18 a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such
 19 numerals and letters must be determined by the department,
 20 and all county and registration numbers must be of equal
 21 height.

22 (6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in
 23 addition to the markings provided in this section, number
 24 plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

25 (a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may

1 designate the prefix number for the various state
2 departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments
3 must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may
4 not be indicated thereon on the plates because these
5 numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be
6 replaced by the department only when the physical condition
7 of numbered plates requires it.

8 (b) For vehicles that are owned by the counties,
9 municipalities, irrigation districts organized under the
10 laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and school
11 districts and that are used and operated by officials and
12 employees thereof in line of duty and for vehicles on loan
13 from the United States government or the state of Montana
14 to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated
15 by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty,
16 there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto,
17 in a position that the department may designate, the letter
18 "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers
19 for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the
20 counties in the state and those of the municipalities and
21 school districts situated within each of the counties and
22 those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within
23 each county must begin with number one and be numbered
24 consecutively. Because these number plates are of a
25 permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the

1 department only when the physical condition of the number
2 plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on
3 the number plates.

4 (7) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of
5 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and
6 tax-exempt trailers, there must appear the letter "T" or the
7 word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters
8 "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers
9 and housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must
10 appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or
11 quadricycle type.

12 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,
13 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
14 may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car,
15 truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or quadricycle-type vehicle.
16 No A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a
17 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

18 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several
19 counties of the state are assigned numbers as follows:
20 Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4;
21 Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8;
22 Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12;
23 Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt,
24 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big
25 Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera,

1 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30;
 2 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34;
 3 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38;
 4 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;
 5 Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
 6 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
 7 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum,
 8 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers
 9 by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the
 10 number 57.

11 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 12 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
 13 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 14 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number
 15 must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal
 16 designating the group or organization to which the applicant
 17 belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this
 18 section, the special plates are subject to the same rules
 19 and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates,
 20 must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person
 21 who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon
 22 sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special
 23 license plates must be issued to national guard members,
 24 former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists,
 25 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,

1 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed
 2 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 3 with the following provisions:

4 (a) An active member of the Montana national guard may
 5 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 6 displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall
 7 issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a
 8 certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of
 9 national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the
 10 plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use
 11 them.

12 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the
 13 United States of America who is a resident of this state may
 14 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 15 displaying the following: United States army reserve, AR
 16 (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United
 17 States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States
 18 marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
 19 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to
 20 each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
 21 authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member
 22 shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming
 23 ineligible to use them.

24 (c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the
 25 armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled

because of an injury that has been determined by the department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100% disability, be issued:

(A) a special license plate under this section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

(B) ONE SET OF any other plate MILITARY-RELATED PLATES that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under this section.

(ii) The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this chapter.

(iii) Special license plates issued to a disabled veteran are not transferable to another person.

(iv) A disabled veteran is not entitled to a special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one vehicle.

(v) A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

(d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was captured and held

prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by his the veteran's service record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of war" or an abbreviation the department considers appropriate.

(e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles, and received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces. If special license plates issued under this subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request and without charge.

(f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state

1 who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States
 2 may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in
 3 subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from
 4 the armed services under other than dishonorable
 5 circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

6 (i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by
 7 the department, of his the person's qualification under this
 8 subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu
 9 of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special
 10 license plates numbered in sets of two with a different
 11 number on each set. The plates must display:

12 (A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the
 13 United States army, United States navy, United States air
 14 force, United States marine corps, or United States coast
 15 guard, according to the record of service verified in the
 16 application; or

17 (B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

18 (ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the
 19 county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified
 20 veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the
 21 vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application
 22 and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the
 23 vehicle.

24 (iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), a
 25 veteran who receives special license plates under this

1 subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and
 2 fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a
 3 special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of
 4 \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this
 5 subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

6 (A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general
 7 fund;

8 (B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

9 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the
 10 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department
 11 of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature
 12 for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state
 13 veterans' cemetery.

14 (iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the
 15 county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as
 16 provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

17 (g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a
 18 special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written
 19 application on a form prescribed by the department, be
 20 issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 21 bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of
 22 the handicapped person. (Terminates July 1, 1996--sec. 4,
 23 Ch. 654, L. 1989.)

24 61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) Number plates. (1) A
 25 motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of

1 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
 2 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The
 3 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
 4 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
 5 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
 6 trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
 7 quadricycle type that bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or
 8 the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one for franchised
 9 dealers in new motorcars (including trucks and trailers) or
 10 new and used motorcars (including trucks and trailers) that
 11 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 12 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 13 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the
 14 letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
 15 trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the
 16 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 17 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
 18 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
 19 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
 20 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
 21 the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the
 22 department designates.

23 (2) All number plates for motor vehicles must be issued
 24 for a minimum period of 4 years, bear a distinctive marking,
 25 and be furnished by the state. In years when number plates

1 are not issued, the department shall provide nonremovable
 2 stickers bearing appropriate registration numbers that must
 3 be affixed to the license plates in use.

4 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the
 5 department shall create a new design for number plates as
 6 provided in this section, ~~and it shall manufacture the newly~~
 7 ~~designed--number--plates--for--issuance--after--January--17--1991,~~
 8 ~~to--replace--at--renewal--as--required--in--61-3-312--and--61-3-314,~~
 9 ~~number--plates--that--were--displayed--on--motor--vehicles--before~~
 10 ~~that--date.~~

11 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, number plates
 12 must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. For
 13 number plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of
 14 Montana must be used as a distinctive border on such the
 15 license plates, and the word "Montana" and the year must be
 16 placed across the bottom of the plates. ~~Such registration~~
 17 Registration plates must be treated with a reflectorized
 18 background material according to specifications prescribed
 19 by the department.

20 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin
 21 with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such
 22 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of
 23 letters and numbers and be numbered consecutively for each
 24 series of plates. The distinctive registration number or
 25 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must

appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal baseline. The county number 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 must be determined by the department, and all county and registration numbers must be of equal height.

(6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings in this section provided, number plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

(a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may designate the prefix number for the various state departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may not be indicated thereon on the plates because these numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be replaced by the department only when the physical condition of numbered plates requires 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 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, there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, in a position 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 the counties and those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within each county must begin with number one and be numbered consecutively. Because these number plates are of a permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the department only when the physical condition of the number plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on the number plates.

(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 must appear the letter "T" or the word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers and housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or quadricycle type.

(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 A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

(9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state 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 must be assigned numbers by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the number 57.

(10) Each type of special license plate approved by the legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as

provided in subsection (5), except that the county number must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal designating the group or organization to which the applicant belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this section, the special plates are subject to the same rules and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates, must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special license plates must be issued to national guard members, former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists, disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack, veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply with the following provisions:

(a) An active member of the Montana national guard may be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

(b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the United States of America who is a resident of this state may

be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the following: United States army reserve, AR (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

(c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled because of an injury that has been determined by the department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100% disability, be issued:

(A) a special license plate under this section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

(B) ONE SET OF any other plate MILITARY-RELATED PLATES that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under this section.

(ii) The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this

chapter.

(iii) Special license plates issued to a disabled veteran are not transferable to another person.

(iv) A disabled veteran is not entitled to a special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one vehicle.

(v) A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

(d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by his the veteran's service record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of war" or an abbreviation the department considers appropriate.

(e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle

only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles, and received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces. If special license plates issued under this subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request and without charge.

(f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from the armed services under other than dishonorable circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

(i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by the department, of his the person's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special license plates numbered in sets of two with a different number on each set. The plates must display:

(A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the United States army, United States navy, United States air

force, United States marine corps, or United States coast guard, according to the record of service verified in the application; or

(B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

(ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle.

(iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), a veteran who receives special license plates under this subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

(A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general fund;

(B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

(C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the department of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' cemetery.

(iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

(g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written application on a form prescribed by the department, be issued a special license plate with a design or decal bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of the handicapped person."

Section 4. Section 61-3-452, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-452. Disabled veterans' plates nontransferable. The special license plates for disabled veterans issued pursuant to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) are not transferable."

Section 5. Section 61-3-453, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-453. Disabled veterans' plates limited to one automobile or truck -- personalized plates. (1) A disabled veteran is not entitled to special license plates for disabled veterans under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) for more than one passenger automobile or one truck up to and including 1 ton GVW-rated capacity.

(2) Upon submitting the application provided for in 61-3-405 and payment of the \$25 fee provided for in 61-3-406, a disabled veteran must receive personalized disabled veteran license plates."

Section 6. Section 61-3-454, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-454. Special parking privilege. A vehicle lawfully displaying specially inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under 49-4-302."

Section 7. Section 61-3-504, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-504. Computation of tax. (1) The amount of taxes on a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, motorcycle, quadricycle, motor home, travel trailer, camper, or mobile home, is computed and determined by the county treasurer on the basis of the levy of the year preceding the current year of application for registration or reregistration.

(2) The amount of tax on an automobile or truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, except for vehicles owned by disabled veterans qualifying for special license plates under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), and on a motorcycle or quadricycle is 2% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(3) The amount of tax on fleet vehicles subject to the provisions of 61-3-318 is 1% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(4) For all taxable motor vehicles, the amount of tax is entered on the application form in a space provided therefor."

NEW SECTION. Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is

HB 0256/02

1 effective January 1, 1994.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 256

INTRODUCED BY TOOLE, LARSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A 100 PERCENT DISABLED VETERAN MAY PAY THE SAME FEE FOR ANY MILITARY-RELATED SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR WHICH THE DISABLED VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE AS THE DISABLED VETERAN WOULD PAY FOR A DISABLED VETERAN'S LICENSE PLATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 49-4-302, 61-3-313, 61-3-332, 61-3-452, 61-3-453, 61-3-454, AND 61-3-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 49-4-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"49-4-302. Privileges of permitholder -- privilege for disabled veteran -- exemptions from time limits -- requirements for special parking spaces. (1) The parking permit issued under this part, when displayed, entitles a person to park a motor vehicle in special parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons whether on public property or on private property available for public use.

(2) No vehicle other than one lawfully displaying a parking permit issued under this part or one displaying a distinguishing handicapped person's license plate or placard issued by a foreign jurisdiction conferring the same parking

privileges as conferred in subsection (1) and conveying a handicapped person or one displaying a specially inscribed license plate issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and conveying a 100% disabled veteran may be parked in a parking space on public or private property that is clearly identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by handicapped persons.

(3) The governing body of a city, town, or county may exempt vehicles lawfully displaying parking permits issued under this part and vehicles lawfully displaying specially inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and parked in public places along public streets from any time limitation imposed upon parking in such area except in areas where:

(a) stopping, standing, or parking of all vehicles is prohibited;

(b) only special vehicles may be parked; or

(c) parking is not allowed during specific periods of the day in order to accommodate heavy traffic.

(4) In accordance with subsection (2), the governing body of a city, town, or county or appropriate state agency may impose all, but not less than all, of the following requirements with respect to any special parking space constructed after September 30, 1985, and reserved for handicapped persons or permitholders on ways of this state

open to the public as defined in 61-8-101:

(a) The space must be located on a smooth, level surface as near as practicable to building entrances or walkways that have curb cuts and appropriately designed ramps and access lanes to accommodate wheelchairs.

(b) If parallel to curbside, the parking space must be separated from an adjacent space, either in the front or the rear, by at least 5 feet of striped no-parking area.

(c) If at an angle to curbside, the parking space must be at least 8 feet wide and free of obstruction if located at the end of a line of angle parking spaces, and each other angle parking space designated for handicapped persons must be at least 13 feet wide.

(d) A parking space reserved for handicapped persons must be designated by a sign showing the international symbol of accessibility and indicating that a permit is required. The sign must be attached to a wall or post in such a way that it is not obscured by a vehicle parked in the space."

Section 2. Section 61-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-313. Vehicles subject to staggered registration. For purposes of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 "vehicle" means any motor vehicle as defined in 61-1-102 subject to annual registration in this state except:

(1) vehicles owned or leased and operated by the

government of the United States, of the state of Montana, or its political subdivisions;

(2) mobile homes and motor homes;

(3) vehicles that are registered in accordance with or subject to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), 61-3-411, or 61-3-421;

(4) trucks exceeding a licensed gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds;

(5) trailers, semitrailers, tractors, buses, motorcycles, quadricycles, and motor-driven cycles;

(6) special mobile equipment as defined in 61-1-104;

(7) motor vehicles registered as part of a fleet under 61-3-318."

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

"61-3-332. (Temporary) Number plates. (1) A motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of Montana must display both front and rear number plates, bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The number plates are in 10 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 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) that

1 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 2 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 3 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the
 4 letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
 5 trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the
 6 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 7 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
 8 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
 9 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
 10 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
 11 the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the
 12 department designates.

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

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

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

9 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin
 10 with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such
 11 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of
 12 letters and numbers. The distinctive registration number or
 13 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must
 14 appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and
 15 appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal
 16 baseline. The county number must be separated from the
 17 distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless
 18 a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such
 19 numerals and letters must be determined by the department,
 20 and all county and registration numbers must be of equal
 21 height.

22 (6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in
 23 addition to the markings provided in this section, number
 24 plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

25 (a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may

1 designate the prefix number for the various state
2 departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments
3 must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may
4 not be indicated thereon on the plates because these
5 numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be
6 replaced by the department only when the physical condition
7 of numbered plates requires it.

8 (b) For vehicles that are owned by the counties,
9 municipalities, irrigation districts organized under the
10 laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and school
11 districts and that are used and operated by officials and
12 employees thereof in line of duty and for vehicles on loan
13 from the United States government or the state of Montana
14 to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated
15 by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty,
16 there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto,
17 in a position that the department may designate, the letter
18 "I" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers
19 for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the
20 counties in the state and those of the municipalities and
21 school districts situated within each of the counties and
22 those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within
23 each county must begin with number one and be numbered
24 consecutively. Because these number plates are of a
25 permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the

1 department only when the physical condition of the number
2 plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on
3 the number plates.

4 (7) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of
5 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and
6 tax-exempt trailers, there must appear the letter "T" or the
7 word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters
8 "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers
9 and housetrailleurs. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must
10 appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or
11 quadricycle type.

12 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,
13 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
14 may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car,
15 truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or quadricycle-type vehicle.
16 No A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a
17 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

18 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several
19 counties of the state are assigned numbers as follows:
20 Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4;
21 Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8;
22 Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12;
23 Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt,
24 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big
25 Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera,

1 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30;
 2 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34;
 3 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38;
 4 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;
 5 Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
 6 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
 7 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum,
 8 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers
 9 by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the
 10 number 57.

11 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 12 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
 13 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 14 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number
 15 must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal
 16 designating the group or organization to which the applicant
 17 belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this
 18 section, the special plates are subject to the same rules
 19 and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates,
 20 must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person
 21 who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon
 22 sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special
 23 license plates must be issued to national guard members,
 24 former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists,
 25 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,

1 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed
 2 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 3 with the following provisions:

4 (a) An active member of the Montana national guard may
 5 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 6 displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall
 7 issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a
 8 certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of
 9 national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the
 10 plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use
 11 them.

12 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the
 13 United States of America who is a resident of this state may
 14 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 15 displaying the following: United States army reserve, AR
 16 (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United
 17 States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States
 18 marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
 19 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to
 20 each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
 21 authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member
 22 shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming
 23 ineligible to use them.

24 (c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the
 25 armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled

because of an injury that has been determined by the department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100% disability, be issued:

(A) a special license plate under this section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

(B) ONE SET OF any other plate MILITARY-RELATED PLATES that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under this section.

(i) The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this chapter.

(iii) Special license plates issued to a disabled veteran are not transferable to another person.

(iv) A disabled veteran is not entitled to a special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one vehicle.

(v) A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

(d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was captured and held

prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by his the veteran's service record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of war" or an abbreviation the department considers appropriate.

(e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles, and received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces. If special license plates issued under this subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request and without charge.

(f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state

1 who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States
2 may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in
3 subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from
4 the armed services under other than dishonorable
5 circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

6 (i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by
7 the department, of his the person's qualification under this
8 subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu
9 of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special
10 license plates numbered in sets of two with a different
11 number on each set. The plates must display:

12 (A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the
13 United States army, United States navy, United States air
14 force, United States marine corps, or United States coast
15 guard, according to the record of service verified in the
16 application; or

17 (B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

18 (ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the
19 county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified
20 veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the
21 vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application
22 and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the
23 vehicle.

24 (iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(C), a
25 veteran who receives special license plates under this

1 subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and
2 fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a
3 special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of
4 \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this
5 subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

6 (A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general
7 fund;

8 (B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

9 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the
10 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department
11 of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature
12 for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state
13 veterans' cemetery.

14 (iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the
15 county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as
16 provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

17 (g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a
18 special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written
19 application on a form prescribed by the department, be
20 issued a special license plate with a design or decal
21 bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of
22 the handicapped person. (Terminates July 1, 1996--sec. 4,
23 Ch. 654, L. 1989.)

24 61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) Number plates. (1) A
25 motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of

1 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
 2 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The
 3 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
 4 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
 5 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
 6 trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
 7 quadricycle type that bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or
 8 the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one for franchised
 9 dealers in new motorcars (including trucks and trailers) or
 10 new and used motorcars (including trucks and trailers) that
 11 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 12 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 13 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the
 14 letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
 15 trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the
 16 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 17 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
 18 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
 19 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
 20 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
 21 the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the
 22 department designates.

23 (2) All number plates for motor vehicles must be issued
 24 for a minimum period of 4 years, bear a distinctive marking,
 25 and be furnished by the state. In years when number plates

1 are not issued, the department shall provide nonremovable
 2 stickers bearing appropriate registration numbers that must
 3 be affixed to the license plates in use.

4 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the
 5 department shall create a new design for number plates as
 6 provided in this section, ~~and it shall manufacture the newly~~
 7 ~~designed--number--plates--for--issuance--after--January--17--1991,~~
 8 ~~to--replace--at--renewal--as--required--in--61-3-312--and--61-3-314,~~
 9 ~~number--plates--that--were--displayed--on--motor--vehicles--before~~
 10 ~~that--date.~~

11 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, number plates
 12 must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. For
 13 number plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of
 14 Montana must be used as a distinctive border on such the
 15 license plates, and the word "Montana" and the year must be
 16 placed across the bottom of the plates. Such ~~registration~~
 17 Registration plates must be treated with a reflectorized
 18 background material according to specifications prescribed
 19 by the department.

20 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin
 21 with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such
 22 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of
 23 letters and numbers and be numbered consecutively for each
 24 series of plates. The distinctive registration number or
 25 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must

appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal baseline. The county number 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 must be determined by the department, and all county and registration numbers must be of equal height.

(6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in addition to the markings in this section provided, number plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

(a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may designate the prefix number for the various state departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may not be indicated thereon on the plates because these numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be replaced by the department only when the physical condition of numbered plates requires 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 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, there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto, in a position 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 the counties and those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within each county must begin with number one and be numbered consecutively. Because these number plates are of a permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the department only when the physical condition of the number plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on the number plates.

(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 must appear the letter "T" or the word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers and house trailers. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or quadricycle type.

(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 A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

(9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state 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 must be assigned numbers by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the number 57.

(10) Each type of special license plate approved by the legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as

provided in subsection (5), except that the county number must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal designating the group or organization to which the applicant belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this section, the special plates are subject to the same rules and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates, must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special license plates must be issued to national guard members, former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists, disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack, veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply with the following provisions:

(a) An active member of the Montana national guard may be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

(b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the United States of America who is a resident of this state may

1 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 2 displaying the following: United States army reserve, AR
 3 (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United
 4 States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States
 5 marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
 6 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to
 7 each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
 8 authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member
 9 shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming
 10 ineligible to use them.

11 (c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the
 12 armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled
 13 because of an injury that has been determined by the
 14 department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may,
 15 upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
 16 disability, be issued;

17 (A) a special license plate under this section with a
 18 design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

19 (B) ONE SET OF any other plate MILITARY-RELATED PLATES
 20 that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under this
 21 section.

22 †††(ii) The fee for original or renewal registration by
 23 a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck
 24 with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in
 25 lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this

1 chapter.

2 †††(iii) Special license plates issued to a disabled
 3 veteran are not transferable to another person.

4 †††(iv) A disabled veteran is not entitled to a
 5 special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one
 6 vehicle.

7 †iv†(v) A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled
 8 veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled
 9 veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a
 10 handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

11 (d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed
 12 forces of the United States and was captured and held
 13 prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented
 14 by his the veteran's service record, may upon application
 15 and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate
 16 with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of
 17 war" or an abbreviation the department considers
 18 appropriate.

19 (e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon
 20 payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of
 21 this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the
 22 department that the applicant meets the requirements of this
 23 subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana
 24 resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the
 25 United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle

only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles, and received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces. If special license plates issued under this subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request and without charge.

(f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from the armed services under other than dishonorable circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

(i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by the department, of his the person's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special license plates numbered in sets of two with a different number on each set. The plates must display:

(A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the United States army, United States navy, United States air

force, United States marine corps, or United States coast guard, according to the record of service verified in the application; or

(B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

(ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle.

(iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), a veteran who receives special license plates under this subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

(A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general fund;

(B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

(C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the department of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' cemetery.

(iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

(g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written application on a form prescribed by the department, be issued a special license plate with a design or decal bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of the handicapped person."

Section 4. Section 61-3-452, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-452. Disabled veterans' plates nontransferable. The special license plates for disabled veterans issued pursuant to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) are not transferable."

Section 5. Section 61-3-453, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-453. Disabled veterans' plates limited to one automobile or truck -- personalized plates. (1) A disabled veteran is not entitled to special license plates for disabled veterans under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) for more than one passenger automobile or one truck up to and including 1 ton GVW-rated capacity.

(2) Upon submitting the application provided for in 61-3-405 and payment of the \$25 fee provided for in 61-3-406, a disabled veteran must receive personalized disabled veteran license plates."

Section 6. Section 61-3-454, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-454. Special parking privilege. A vehicle lawfully displaying specially inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under 49-4-302."

Section 7. Section 61-3-504, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-504. Computation of tax. (1) The amount of taxes on a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, motorcycle, quadricycle, motor home, travel trailer, camper, or mobile home, is computed and determined by the county treasurer on the basis of the levy of the year preceding the current year of application for registration or reregistration.

(2) The amount of tax on an automobile or truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, except for vehicles owned by disabled veterans qualifying for special license plates under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), and on a motorcycle or quadricycle is 2% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(3) The amount of tax on fleet vehicles subject to the provisions of 61-3-318 is 1% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(4) For all taxable motor vehicles, the amount of tax is entered on the application form in a space provided therefor."

NEW SECTION. Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is

HB 0256/02

1 effective January 1, 1994.

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 256

2 INTRODUCED BY TOOLE, LARSON

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A 100
5 PERCENT DISABLED VETERAN MAY PAY THE SAME FEE FOR ANY
6 MILITARY-RELATED SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR WHICH THE
7 DISABLED VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE AS THE DISABLED VETERAN WOULD
8 PAY FOR A DISABLED VETERAN'S LICENSE PLATE; AMENDING
9 SECTIONS 49-4-302, 61-3-313, 61-3-332, 61-3-452, 61-3-453,
10 61-3-454, AND 61-3-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED
11 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

14 Section 1. Section 49-4-302, MCA, is amended to read:

15 "49-4-302. Privileges of permitholder -- privilege for
16 disabled veteran -- exemptions from time limits --
17 requirements for special parking spaces. (1) The parking
18 permit issued under this part, when displayed, entitles a
19 person to park a motor vehicle in special parking spaces
20 reserved for handicapped persons whether on public property
21 or on private property available for public use.

22 (2) No vehicle other than one lawfully displaying a
23 parking permit issued under this part or one displaying a
24 distinguishing handicapped person's license plate or placard
25 issued by a foreign jurisdiction conferring the same parking

1 privileges as conferred in subsection (1) and conveying a
2 handicapped person or one displaying a specially inscribed
3 license plate issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and
4 conveying a 100% disabled veteran may be parked in a parking
5 space on public or private property that is clearly
6 identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by
7 handicapped persons.

8 (3) The governing body of a city, town, or county may
9 exempt vehicles lawfully displaying parking permits issued
10 under this part and vehicles lawfully displaying specially
11 inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A)
12 and parked in public places along public streets from any
13 time limitation imposed upon parking in such area except in
14 areas where:

15 (a) stopping, standing, or parking of all vehicles is
16 prohibited;

17 (b) only special vehicles may be parked; or

18 (c) parking is not allowed during specific periods of
19 the day in order to accommodate heavy traffic.

20 (4) In accordance with subsection (2), the governing
21 body of a city, town, or county or appropriate state agency
22 may impose all, but not less than all, of the following
23 requirements with respect to any special parking space
24 constructed after September 30, 1985, and reserved for
25 handicapped persons or permitholders on ways of this state



1 open to the public as defined in 61-8-101:

2 (a) The space must be located on a smooth, level
3 surface as near as practicable to building entrances or
4 walkways that have curb cuts and appropriately designed
5 ramps and access lanes to accommodate wheelchairs.

6 (b) If parallel to curbside, the parking space must be
7 separated from an adjacent space, either in the front or the
8 rear, by at least 5 feet of striped no-parking area.

9 (c) If at an angle to curbside, the parking space must
10 be at least 8 feet wide and free of obstruction if located
11 at the end of a line of angle parking spaces, and each other
12 angle parking space designated for handicapped persons must
13 be at least 13 feet wide.

14 (d) A parking space reserved for handicapped persons
15 must be designated by a sign showing the international
16 symbol of accessibility and indicating that a permit is
17 required. The sign must be attached to a wall or post in
18 such a way that it is not obscured by a vehicle parked in
19 the space."

20 **Section 2.** Section 61-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

21 "61-3-313. Vehicles subject to staggered registration.
22 For purposes of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 "vehicle" means
23 any motor vehicle as defined in 61-1-102 subject to annual
24 registration in this state except:

25 (1) vehicles owned or leased and operated by the

1 government of the United States, of the state of Montana, or
2 its political subdivisions;

3 (2) mobile homes and motor homes;

4 (3) vehicles that are registered in accordance with or
5 subject to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), 61-3-411, or 61-3-421;

6 (4) trucks exceeding a licensed gross vehicle weight of
7 10,000 pounds;

8 (5) trailers, semitrailers, tractors, buses,
9 motorcycles, quadricycles, and motor-driven cycles;

10 (6) special mobile equipment as defined in 61-1-104;

11 (7) motor vehicles registered as part of a fleet under
12 61-3-318."

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

14 "61-3-332. (Temporary) Number plates. (1) A motor
15 vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of
16 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
17 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The
18 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
19 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
20 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
21 trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
22 quadricycle type that bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or
23 the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one for franchised
24 dealers in new motorcars (including trucks and trailers) or
25 new and used motorcars (including trucks and trailers) that

1 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 2 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 3 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the
 4 letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
 5 trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the
 6 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 7 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
 8 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
 9 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
 10 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
 11 the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the
 12 department designates.

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

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

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

9 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin
 10 with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such
 11 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of
 12 letters and numbers. The distinctive registration number or
 13 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must
 14 appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and
 15 appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal
 16 baseline. The county number must be separated from the
 17 distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless
 18 a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such
 19 numerals and letters must be determined by the department,
 20 and all county and registration numbers must be of equal
 21 height.

22 (6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in
 23 addition to the markings provided in this section, number
 24 plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

25 (a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may

1 designate the prefix number for the various state
2 departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments
3 must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may
4 not be indicated thereon on the plates because these
5 numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be
6 replaced by the department only when the physical condition
7 of numbered plates requires it.

8 (b) For vehicles that are owned by the counties,
9 municipalities, irrigation districts organized under the
10 laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and school
11 districts and that are used and operated by officials and
12 employees thereof in line of duty and for vehicles on loan
13 from the United States government or the state of Montana
14 to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated
15 by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty,
16 there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto,
17 in a position that the department may designate, the letter
18 "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers
19 for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the
20 counties in the state and those of the municipalities and
21 school districts situated within each of the counties and
22 those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within
23 each county must begin with number one and be numbered
24 consecutively. Because these number plates are of a
25 permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the

1 department only when the physical condition of the number
2 plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on
3 the number plates.

4 (7) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of
5 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and
6 tax-exempt trailers, there must appear the letter "T" or the
7 word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters
8 "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers
9 and housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must
10 appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or
11 quadricycle type.

12 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,
13 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
14 may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car,
15 truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or quadricycle-type vehicle.
16 No A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a
17 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

18 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several
19 counties of the state are assigned numbers as follows:
20 Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4;
21 Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8;
22 Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12;
23 Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt,
24 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big
25 Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera,

1 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30;
 2 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34;
 3 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38;
 4 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;
 5 Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
 6 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
 7 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum,
 8 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers
 9 by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the
 10 number 57.

11 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 12 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
 13 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 14 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number
 15 must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal
 16 designating the group or organization to which the applicant
 17 belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this
 18 section, the special plates are subject to the same rules
 19 and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates,
 20 must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person
 21 who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon
 22 sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special
 23 license plates must be issued to national guard members,
 24 former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists,
 25 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,

1 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed
 2 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 3 with the following provisions:

4 (a) An active member of the Montana national guard may
 5 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 6 displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall
 7 issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a
 8 certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of
 9 national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the
 10 plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use
 11 them.

12 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the
 13 United States of America who is a resident of this state may
 14 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 15 displaying the following: United States army reserve, AR
 16 (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United
 17 States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States
 18 marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
 19 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to
 20 each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
 21 authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member
 22 shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming
 23 ineligible to use them.

24 (c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the
 25 armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled

because of an injury that has been determined by the department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100% disability, be issued;

(A) a special license plate under this section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

(B) ONE SET OF any other plate MILITARY-RELATED PLATES that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under this section.

(i) The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this chapter.

(ii) Special license plates issued to a disabled veteran are not transferable to another person.

(iii) A disabled veteran is not entitled to a special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one vehicle.

(iv) A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

(d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was captured and held

prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by his the veteran's service record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of war" or an abbreviation the department considers appropriate.

(e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles, and received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces. If special license plates issued under this subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request and without charge.

(f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state

1 who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States
 2 may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in
 3 subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from
 4 the armed services under other than dishonorable
 5 circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

6 (i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by
 7 the department, of his the person's qualification under this
 8 subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu
 9 of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special
 10 license plates numbered in sets of two with a different
 11 number on each set. The plates must display:

12 (A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the
 13 United States army, United States navy, United States air
 14 force, United States marine corps, or United States coast
 15 guard, according to the record of service verified in the
 16 application; or

17 (B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

18 (ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the
 19 county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified
 20 veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the
 21 vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application
 22 and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the
 23 vehicle.

24 (iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), a
 25 veteran who receives special license plates under this

1 subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and
 2 fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a
 3 special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of
 4 \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this
 5 subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

6 (A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general
 7 fund;

8 (B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

9 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the
 10 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department
 11 of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature
 12 for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state
 13 veterans' cemetery.

14 (iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the
 15 county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as
 16 provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

17 (g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a
 18 special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written
 19 application on a form prescribed by the department, be
 20 issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 21 bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of
 22 the handicapped person. (Terminates July 1, 1996--sec. 4,
 23 Ch. 654, L. 1989.)

24 61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) Number plates. (1) A
 25 motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of

1 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
 2 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The
 3 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
 4 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
 5 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
 6 trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
 7 quadricycle type that bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or
 8 the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one for franchised
 9 dealers in new motorcars (including trucks and trailers) or
 10 new and used motorcars (including trucks and trailers) that
 11 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 12 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 13 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the
 14 letter "U" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
 15 trailers and/or semitrailers (new or used) that bear the
 16 distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
 17 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
 18 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
 19 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
 20 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
 21 the number plates assigned thereto in the position that the
 22 department designates.

23 (2) All number plates for motor vehicles must be issued
 24 for a minimum period of 4 years, bear a distinctive marking,
 25 and be furnished by the state. In years when number plates

1 are not issued, the department shall provide nonremovable
 2 stickers bearing appropriate registration numbers that must
 3 be affixed to the license plates in use.

4 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the
 5 department shall create a new design for number plates as
 6 provided in this section ~~and it shall manufacture the newly~~
 7 ~~designed--number--plates--for--issuance--after--January--17--1991~~
 8 ~~to replace, at renewal as required in 61-3-312 and 61-3-314,~~
 9 ~~number plates that were displayed on motor vehicles before~~
 10 ~~that date.~~

11 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, number plates
 12 must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. For
 13 number plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of
 14 Montana must be used as a distinctive border on such the
 15 license plates, and the word "Montana" and the year must be
 16 placed across the bottom of the plates. Such registration
 17 Registration plates must be treated with a reflectorized
 18 background material according to specifications prescribed
 19 by the department.

20 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin
 21 with a number one or with a letter-number combination, such
 22 as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of
 23 letters and numbers and be numbered consecutively for each
 24 series of plates. The distinctive registration number or
 25 letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must

1 appear on the plate preceded by the number of the county and
 2 appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal
 3 baseline. The county number must be separated from the
 4 distinctive registration number by a separation mark unless
 5 a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of such
 6 numerals and letters must be determined by the department,
 7 and all county and registration numbers must be of equal
 8 height.

9 (6) For the use of tax-exempt motor vehicles, in
 10 addition to the markings in this section provided, number
 11 plates must bear the following distinctive markings:

12 (a) For vehicles owned by the state, the department may
 13 designate the prefix number for the various state
 14 departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments
 15 must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may
 16 not be indicated thereon on the plates because these
 17 numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be
 18 replaced by the department only when the physical condition
 19 of numbered plates requires it.

20 (b) For vehicles that are owned by the counties,
 21 municipalities, irrigation districts organized under the
 22 laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and school
 23 districts and that are used and operated by officials and
 24 employees thereof in line of duty and for vehicles on loan
 25 from the United States government or the state of Montana

1 to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated
 2 by officials and employees thereof in the line of duty,
 3 there must be placed on the number plates assigned thereto,
 4 in a position that the department may designate, the letter
 5 "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers
 6 for plates assigned to motor vehicles of each of the
 7 counties in the state and those of the municipalities and
 8 school districts situated within each of the counties and
 9 those of the irrigation districts that obtain plates within
 10 each county must begin with number one and be numbered
 11 consecutively. Because these number plates are of a
 12 permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the
 13 department only when the physical condition of the number
 14 plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on
 15 the number plates.

16 (7) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of
 17 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and
 18 tax-exempt trailers, there must appear the letter "T" or the
 19 word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters
 20 "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers
 21 and housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must
 22 appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or
 23 quadricycle type.

24 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,
 25 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 A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

(9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state 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 must be assigned numbers by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the number 57.

(10) Each type of special license plate approved by the legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as

provided in subsection (5), except that the county number must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal designating the group or organization to which the applicant belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this section, the special plates are subject to the same rules and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates, must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special license plates must be issued to national guard members, former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists, disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack, veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply with the following provisions:

(a) An active member of the Montana national guard may be issued a special license plate with a design or decal displaying the letters "NG". The adjutant general shall issue to each active member of the Montana national guard a certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

(b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the United States of America who is a resident of this state may

1 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 2 displaying the following: United States army reserve, AR
 3 (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United
 4 States air force reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States
 5 marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
 6 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to
 7 each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
 8 authorizing the issuance of one set of plates. The member
 9 shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming
 10 ineligible to use them.

11 (c) (i) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the
 12 armed forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled
 13 because of an injury that has been determined by the
 14 department of veterans affairs to be service-connected may,
 15 upon presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
 16 disability, be issued:

17 (A) a special license plate under this section with a
 18 design or decal displaying the letters "DV"; or

19 (B) ONE SET OF any other plate MILITARY-RELATED PLATES
 20 that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under this
 21 section.

22 (ii) The fee for original or renewal registration by
 23 a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck
 24 with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in
 25 lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this

1 chapter.

2 (iii) Special license plates issued to a disabled
 3 veteran are not transferable to another person.

4 (iv) A disabled veteran is not entitled to a
 5 special disabled veteran's license plate for more than one
 6 vehicle.

7 (v) A vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled
 8 veteran's plate and that is conveying a 100% disabled
 9 veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a
 10 handicapped person's vehicle under this title.

11 (d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed
 12 forces of the United States and was captured and held
 13 prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented
 14 by his the veteran's service record, may upon application
 15 and presentation of proof be issued a special license plate
 16 with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of
 17 war" or an abbreviation the department considers
 18 appropriate.

19 (e) Upon Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), upon
 20 payment of all taxes and fees required by parts 3 and 5 of
 21 this chapter and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the
 22 department that the applicant meets the requirements of this
 23 subsection (e), the department shall issue to a Montana
 24 resident who is a veteran of the armed services of the
 25 United States special license plates, for one motor vehicle

1 only, designed to indicate that the applicant is a survivor
 2 of the Pearl Harbor attack if the applicant was a member of
 3 the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941, was on
 4 station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m.
 5 to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl Harbor, the island of
 6 Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than 3 miles,
 7 and received an honorable discharge from the United States
 8 armed forces. If special license plates issued under this
 9 subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of
 10 the plates is entitled to replacement plates upon request
 11 and without charge.

12 (f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state
 13 who is a veteran of the armed services of the United States
 14 may be issued license plates inscribed as provided in
 15 subsection (10)(f)(i) if he the person was separated from
 16 the armed services under other than dishonorable
 17 circumstances or was awarded the purple heart medal:

18 (i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by
 19 the department, of his the person's qualification under this
 20 subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu
 21 of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special
 22 license plates numbered in sets of two with a different
 23 number on each set. The plates must display:

24 (A) the word "VETERAN" and a symbol signifying the
 25 United States army, United States navy, United States air

1 force, United States marine corps, or United States coast
 2 guard, according to the record of service verified in the
 3 application; or

4 (B) a symbol representing the purple heart medal.

5 (ii) Plates must be furnished by the department to the
 6 county treasurer, who shall issue them to qualified
 7 veterans. The plates must be placed or mounted on the
 8 vehicle owned by the veteran designated in the application
 9 and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the
 10 vehicle.

11 (iii) Each Except as provided in subsection (10)(c), a
 12 veteran who receives special license plates under this
 13 subsection (10)(f) is liable for payment of all taxes and
 14 fees required under parts 3 and 4 of this chapter and a
 15 special veteran's or purple heart medal license plate fee of
 16 \$10. Upon an original application for a license under this
 17 subsection (10)(f), the county treasurer shall:

18 (A) deposit \$3 of the special fee in the county general
 19 fund;

20 (B) remit \$1 for deposit in the state general fund; and

21 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the
 22 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department
 23 of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature
 24 for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state
 25 veterans' cemetery.

(iv) Upon subsequent annual renewal of registration, the county treasurer shall deposit all of the special fee as provided in subsection (10)(f)(iii)(C).

(g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written application on a form prescribed by the department, be issued a special license plate with a design or decal bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of the handicapped person."

Section 4. Section 61-3-452, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-452. Disabled veterans' plates nontransferable. The special license plates for disabled veterans issued pursuant to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) are not transferable."

Section 5. Section 61-3-453, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-453. Disabled veterans' plates limited to one automobile or truck -- personalized plates. (1) A disabled veteran is not entitled to special license plates for disabled veterans under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) for more than one passenger automobile or one truck up to and including 1 ton GVW-rated capacity.

(2) Upon submitting the application provided for in 61-3-405 and payment of the \$25 fee provided for in 61-3-406, a disabled veteran must receive personalized disabled veteran license plates."

Section 6. Section 61-3-454, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-454. Special parking privilege. A vehicle lawfully displaying specially inscribed license plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A) and conveying a 100% disabled veteran is entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped person's vehicle under 49-4-302."

Section 7. Section 61-3-504, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-504. Computation of tax. (1) The amount of taxes on a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, motorcycle, quadricycle, motor home, travel trailer, camper, or mobile home, is computed and determined by the county treasurer on the basis of the levy of the year preceding the current year of application for registration or reregistration.

(2) The amount of tax on an automobile or truck having a rated capacity of 1 ton or less, except for vehicles owned by disabled veterans qualifying for special license plates under 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A), and on a motorcycle or quadricycle is 2% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(3) The amount of tax on fleet vehicles subject to the provisions of 61-3-318 is 1% of the value determined under 61-3-503.

(4) For all taxable motor vehicles, the amount of tax is entered on the application form in a space provided therefor."

NEW SECTION. Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is

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