

HOUSE BILL 270

Introduced by Grady, et al.

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1 House BILL NO. 270
 2 INTRODUCED BY Grady E. Ely
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING SPECIAL
 5 LICENSE PLATES FOR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS; AMENDING
 6 SECTIONS 61-3-332 AND 61-3-446, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED
 7 EFFECTIVE DATE."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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

11 "61-3-332. (Temporary) Number plates. (1) A motor
 12 vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of
 13 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
 14 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The
 15 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
 16 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the
 17 motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
 18 trucks, one for dealers in vehicles of the motorcycle or
 19 quadricycle type that bear the distinctive letters "MCD" or
 20 the letters "MC" and the word "DEALER", one for franchised
 21 dealers in new motorcars (including trucks and trailers) or
 22 new and used motorcars (including trucks and trailers) that
 23 bear the distinctive letter "D" or the word "DEALER", one
 24 for dealers in used motorcars only (including used trucks
 25 and trailers) that bear the distinctive letters "UD" or the

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

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

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

23 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, plates must be
 24 of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. The outline
 25 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 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 to the officials and employees, 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, or members of fraternal organizations who comply with the following

1 provisions:

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

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

22 (c) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the armed
23 forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled because
24 of an injury that has been determined by the department of
25 veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon

1 presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
2 disability, be issued a special license plate under this
3 section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV".

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

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

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

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

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

25 (e) Upon payment of all taxes and fees required by

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

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

23 (i) Upon submission of proof, in a form prescribed by
 24 the department, of his the person's qualification under this
 25 subsection, there must be issued to each applicant, in lieu

1 of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special
 2 license plates numbered in sets of two with a different
 3 number on each set. The plates must display:

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the

1 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department
2 of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature
3 for construction, operation, and maintenance of the state
4 veterans' cemetery.

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

8 (g) A Montana resident who is a member of a fraternal
9 organization may, upon application and presentation of
10 eligibility issued by the fraternal organization, be issued
11 a special license plate with a design or decal displaying
12 the fraternal organization insignia.

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

20 61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) Number plates. (1) A
21 motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of
22 Montana must display both front and rear number plates,
23 bearing the distinctive number assigned the vehicle. The
24 number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of
25 motorcars, one for owners of motor vehicles of the

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

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

25 (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, number plates must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. For number plates issued after 1976, 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 bottom of 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 and be numbered consecutively for each series of plates. 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 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 to the officials and employees, in a position that the

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

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

20 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,
 21 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
 22 may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car,
 23 truck, trailer, or motorcycle or quadricycle-type vehicle.
 24 No A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a
 25 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

1 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several
 2 counties of the state are assigned numbers as follows:
 3 Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4;
 4 Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8;
 5 Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12;
 6 Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt,
 7 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big
 8 Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera,
 9 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30;
 10 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34;
 11 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38;
 12 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;
 13 Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
 14 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
 15 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum,
 16 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers
 17 by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the
 18 number 57.

19 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 20 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
 21 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 22 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number
 23 must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal
 24 designating the group or organization to which the applicant
 25 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, or members of fraternal organizations 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) 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 special license plate under this section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV".

(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 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

1 entitled to the parking privileges allowed a handicapped
2 person's vehicle under this title.

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

11 (e) Upon payment of all taxes and fees required by
12 parts 3 and 5 of this chapter and upon furnishing proof
13 satisfactory to the department that the applicant meets the
14 requirements of this subsection (e), the department shall
15 issue to a Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed
16 services of the United States special license plates, for
17 one motor vehicle only, designed to indicate that the
18 applicant is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack if the
19 applicant was a member of the United States armed forces on
20 December 7, 1941, was on station on December 7, 1941, during
21 the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Hawaii time) at Pearl
22 Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not
23 more than 3 miles, and received an honorable discharge from
24 the United States armed forces. If special license plates
25 issued under this subsection are lost, stolen, or mutilated,

1 the recipient of the plates is entitled to replacement
2 plates upon request and without charge.

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

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

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

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

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

1 vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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

19 (g) A Montana resident who is a member of a fraternal
20 organization may, upon application and presentation of
21 eligibility issued by the fraternal organization, be issued
22 a special license plate with a design or decal displaying
23 the fraternal organization insignia.

24 ~~(g)(h)~~ (h) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a
25 special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written

1 application on a form prescribed by the department, be
2 issued a special license plate with a design or decal
3 bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of
4 the handicapped person."

5 **Section 2.** Section 61-3-446, MCA, is amended to read:

6 "61-3-446. Retention of special license plates. If
7 during a registration year the holder of special license
8 plates issued under 61-3-332(10)(b) through ~~(10)(f)~~ (10)(g)
9 disposes of the vehicle to which the plates are affixed, he
10 the holder shall retain the plates and may affix them to
11 another vehicle."

12 **NEW SECTION. Section 3.** Effective date. [This act] is
13 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 HB0270, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act creating special license plates for fraternal organizations.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. It is assumed that 10,000 fraternal organization members will purchase special fraternal organization license plates. Half the number (5,000) will purchase plates in FY94 and half (5,000) in FY95. The bill proposes an effective date of January 1, 1994.
2. Start-up expenditures in the Department of Justice will be design costs of \$2,000 (FY94) and 150 hours of computer programming at a cost \$5,700 (FY94). In addition, postage and handling will cost \$5 per set of special license plates.
3. Although the executive budget recommended funding this proposal with highways state special revenue, it is shown as general fund on this fiscal note to be consistent with the General Government and Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee action on January 22, 1993, to reject the funding switch.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Justice-Motor Vehicle Division:

Expenditures:


	FY '94			FY '95		
	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Personal Services	4,184,900	4,184,900	0	4,050,160	4,050,160	0
Operating Expenses	2,686,950	2,719,650	32,700	2,647,830	2,672,830	25,000
Equipment	141,680	141,680	0	131,960	131,960	0
Debt Service	<u>173,700</u>	<u>173,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>201,200</u>	<u>201,200</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	7,187,230	7,219,930	32,700	7,031,150	7,056,150	25,000

Funding:

General Fund	7,172,730	7,205,430	32,700	7,018,650	7,043,650	25,000
Federal Special Revenue	<u>14,500</u>	<u>14,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	7,187,230	7,219,930	32,700	7,031,150	7,056,150	25,000

Revenues:

No impact.

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

EDWARD J. "ED" GRADY, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for HB0270, as introduced

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