

HOUSE BILL NO. 336

INTRODUCED BY BIRD, EWER, CLARK, VOGEL,
MCCAFFREE, FOSTER, GILBERT

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 23, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 16, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 17, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 18, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 19, 1993	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 97; NOES, 1.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 22, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 19, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 20, 1993	ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED FOR THE DAY.
MARCH 22, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 23, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 39; NOES, 10.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 24, 1993	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
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SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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(3)(2) An owner of a motor vehicle who ceases to maintain the insurance or bond required or whose certificate of self insurance is canceled or whose vehicle ceases to be exempt shall immediately surrender the registration and license plates for the vehicle to the county treasurer for delivery to the department and may not operate or permit operation of the vehicle in Montana until insurance has again been furnished as required and the vehicle is again registered and licensed.

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