

HOUSE BILL NO. 404

INTRODUCED BY DEBRUYCKER, SIMPKINS, FRITZ,
WISEMAN, PETERSON, QUILICI, GRADY, CRIPPEN,
FORRESTER, J. JOHNSON, TVEIT, BLAYLOCK

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 30, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 2, 1993	ON MOTION, REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
FEBRUARY 10, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
	POSTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR.
FEBRUARY 11, 1993	CONSENT CALENDAR, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 13, 1993	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 98; NOES, 0.
FEBRUARY 15, 1993	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 16, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 10, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 11, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 12, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 13, 1993	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
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SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 House BILL NO. 404
 2 INTRODUCED BY Rep. [Signature]
 3 Forrester John Johnson
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING FUNDING FOR
 5 THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY; REVISING ELIGIBILITY FOR
 6 VETERANS' LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 61-3-332; AND
 7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Special revenue account -- use
 11 of funds -- solicitation. (1) There is an account in the
 12 special revenue fund to the credit of the department of
 13 military affairs for the state veterans' cemetery.

14 (2) Plot allowances, donations, and, as provided in
 15 61-3-332, revenue from veterans' license plate sales must be
 16 deposited into the account.

17 (3) As appropriated by the legislature, money in the
 18 account may be used only for the construction, maintenance,
 19 operation, and administration of the state veterans'
 20 cemetery.

21 (4) The department of military affairs may solicit
 22 veterans' license plate sales and donations on behalf of the
 23 state veterans' cemetery.

24 Section 2. Section 61-3-332, MCA, is amended to read:

25 "61-3-332. (Temporary) Number plates. (1) A motor

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

24 (2) All number plates for motor vehicles must be issued
 25 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 The 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 the 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 the 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

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

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

23 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,
 24 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
 25 may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car,

1 truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or quadricycle-type vehicle.
 2 No A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a
 3 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

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

22 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 23 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
 24 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 25 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number

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

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

23 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the
 24 United States of America who is a resident of this state may
 25 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal

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

10 (c) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the armed
 11 forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled because
 12 of an injury that has been determined by the department of
 13 veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon
 14 presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
 15 disability, be issued a special license plate under this
 16 section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV".

17 (i) The fee for original or renewal registration by a
 18 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck
 19 with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in
 20 lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this
 21 chapter.

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

24 (iii) A disabled veteran is not entitled to a special
 25 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 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 or the surviving spouse of 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 veteran 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 a department of defense form 214 (DD-214) or its successor, proper identification, and other relevant documents to show an applicant's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to each the 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 a qualified veterans veteran or to the veteran's surviving spouse. The plates must be placed or mounted on the vehicle owned by the veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse designated in the application and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle.

(iii) Each A veteran or surviving spouse 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~~ account established in [section 1] 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. (Terminates July 1, 1996--sec. 4, Ch. 654, L. 1989.)

61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) 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

1 "DEALER", one for dealers in recreational vehicles that bear
2 the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word
3 "DEALER", and one for special license plates. All markings
4 for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
5 the number plates assigned thereto to the dealer, in the
6 position that the department designates.

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

13 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the
14 department shall create a new design for number plates as
15 provided in this section, and it shall manufacture the newly
16 designed number plates for issuance after January 1, 1991,
17 to replace, at renewal as required in 61-3-312 and 61-3-314,
18 number plates that were displayed on motor vehicles before
19 that date.

20 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, number plates
21 must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in length. For
22 number plates issued after 1976, the outline of the state of
23 Montana must be used as a distinctive border on such the
24 license plates, and the word "Montana" and the year must be
25 placed across the bottom of the plates. Such The

1 registration plates must be treated with a reflectorized
2 background material according to specifications prescribed
3 by the department.

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

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

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22 designate the prefix number for the various state
23 departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments
24 must bear the words "State Owned", and no a year number may
25 not be indicated thereon on the plates because these

1 numbered plates are of a permanent nature and will be
2 replaced by the department only when the physical condition
3 of numbered plates requires it.

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

25 (7) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of

1 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and
2 tax-exempt trailers, there must appear the letter "T" or the
3 word "TRUCK" on plates assigned to trucks and the letters
4 "TR" or the word "TRAILER" on plates assigned to trailers
5 and housetrailer. The letters "MC" or the word "CYCLE" must
6 appear on plates assigned to vehicles of the motorcycle or
7 quadricycle type.

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

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15 counties of the state are assigned numbers as follows:
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17 Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead, 7; Fergus, 8;
18 Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12;
19 Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson, 16; Roosevelt,
20 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big
21 Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera,
22 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30;
23 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34;
24 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38;
25 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;

1 Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
 2 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
 3 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum,
 4 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers
 5 by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the
 6 number 57.

7 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 8 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
 9 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 10 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number
 11 must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal
 12 designating the group or organization to which the applicant
 13 belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this
 14 section, the special plates are subject to the same rules
 15 and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates,
 16 must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person
 17 who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon
 18 sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special
 19 license plates must be issued to national guard members,
 20 former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists,
 21 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,
 22 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed
 23 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 24 with the following provisions:

25 (a) An active member of the Montana national guard may

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

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

20 (c) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the armed
 21 forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled because
 22 of an injury that has been determined by the department of
 23 veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon
 24 presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
 25 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 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 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 or the surviving spouse of 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 veteran 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 a department of defense form 214 (DD-214) or its successor, proper identification, and other relevant documents to show the applicant's qualification

1 under this subsection, there must be issued to each the
2 applicant, in lieu of the regular license plates prescribed
3 by law, special license plates numbered in sets of two with
4 a different number on each set. The plates must display:

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

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

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

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

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

1 fund;

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

3 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the
4 state special revenue fund-to-the-credit-of--the--department
5 of--military--affairs--to-be-appropriated-by-the-legislature
6 account established in [section 1] for construction,
7 operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' cemetery.

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

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12 special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written
13 application on a form prescribed by the department, be
14 issued a special license plate with a design or decal
15 bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of
16 the handicapped person."

17 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.
18 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
19 of Title 10, chapter 2, part 6, and the provisions of Title
20 10, chapter 2, part 6, apply to [section 1].

21 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is
22 effective July 1, 1993.

-End-

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0404, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act clarifying funding for the state Veterans' Cemetery; revising eligibility for veterans' license plates.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The surviving spouse of a veteran will maintain the same special veterans license plate as the deceased veteran spouse.
2. The number of new plates to be issued to surviving spouses is unknown, but is assumed to be a minimal number. The fiscal impact on expenditures and revenue is assumed to be minimal.
3. Assuming the number of new plates will be minimal, the plates can be manufactured by Montana State Prison industries within the current level budget for the Department of Corrections and Human Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal.

 2-4-93

DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

 2-5-93

ROGER DEBRUYCKER, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for HB0404, as introduced

HB 404

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ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 404

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING FUNDING FOR
THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY; REVISING ELIGIBILITY FOR
VETERANS' LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 61-3-332; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Special revenue account -- use
of funds -- solicitation. (1) There is an account in the
special revenue fund to the credit of the department of
military affairs for the state veterans' cemetery.

(2) Plot allowances, donations, and, as provided in
61-3-332, revenue from veterans' license plate sales must be
deposited into the account.

(3) As appropriated by the legislature, money in the
account may be used only for the construction, maintenance,
operation, and administration of the state veterans'
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veterans' license plate sales and donations on behalf of the
state veterans' cemetery.

Section 2. 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,
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motorcycle or quadricycle type, one for trailers, one for
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distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word
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for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on
the number plates assigned thereto to the dealer, 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 The registration plates must be treated with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the department.

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(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 the line of duty and for vehicles on

1 loan from the United States government or the state of
 2 Montana to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and
 3 operated by officials and employees thereof in the line of
 4 duty, there must be placed on the number plates assigned
 5 thereto, in a position that the department may designate,
 6 the letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive
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 11 obtain plates within each county must begin with number one
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 13 are of a permanent nature, they are subject to replacement
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 15 number plates requires it and a year number may not be
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17 (7) On all number plates assigned to motor vehicles of
 18 the truck and trailer type, other than tax-exempt trucks and
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 24 quadricycle type.

25 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,

1 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
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 5 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

6 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several
 7 counties of the state are assigned numbers as follows:
 8 Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4;
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 23 number 57.

24 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 25 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.

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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.

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(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 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 or the surviving spouse of 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 veteran 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 a department of defense form 214 (DD-214) or its successor OR DOCUMENTS SHOWING AN OTHER-THAN-DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A REENLISTMENT, proper identification, and other relevant documents to show an applicant's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to each the 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.

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(iii) Each A veteran or surviving spouse 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~~ account established in [section 1] for ADMINISTRATION,

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. (Terminates July 1, 1996--sec. 4, Ch. 654, L. 1989.)

61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) 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 to the dealer, 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.

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

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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.

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 13 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in
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 18 belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this
 19 section, the special plates are subject to the same rules
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 21 must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person
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1 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,
 2 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed
 3 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 4 with the following provisions:

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 6 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
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 9 certificate authorizing the department to issue one set of
 10 national guard plates, and the member shall surrender the
 11 plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use
 12 them.

13 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the
 14 United States of America who is a resident of this state may
 15 be issued a special license plate with a design or decal
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 2 of an injury that has been determined by the department of
 3 veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon
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 10 lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this
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25 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.

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1 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
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4 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is
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(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~~ The 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~~ the 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 the line of duty and for vehicles on

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

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

25 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck,

1 trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or quadricycle type
 2 may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car,
 3 truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or quadricycle-type vehicle.
 4 No A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a
 5 transfer of a number plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

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

24 (10) Each type of special license plate approved by the
 25 legislature, except collegiate license plates authorized in

1 61-3-463, must be a separate series of plates, numbered as
 2 provided in subsection (5), except that the county number
 3 must be replaced by a nonremovable design or decal
 4 designating the group or organization to which the applicant
 5 belongs. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this
 6 section, the special plates are subject to the same rules
 7 and laws as govern the issuance of regular license plates,
 8 must be placed or mounted on a vehicle owned by the person
 9 who is eligible to receive them, and must be removed upon
 10 sale or other disposition of the vehicle. The special
 11 license plates must be issued to national guard members,
 12 former prisoners of war, handicapped persons, reservists,
 13 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,
 14 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed
 15 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 16 with the following provisions:

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

25 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the

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

12 (c) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the armed
 13 forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled because
 14 of an injury that has been determined by the department of
 15 veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon
 16 presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
 17 disability, be issued a special license plate under this
 18 section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV".

19 (i) The fee for original or renewal registration by a
 20 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle or a truck
 21 with a GVW-rated capacity of 1 ton or less is \$5 and is in
 22 lieu of all other fees and taxes for that vehicle under this
 23 chapter.

24 (ii) Special license plates issued to a disabled veteran
 25 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 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 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 or the surviving spouse of 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 veteran 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 a department of defense form 214 (DD-214) or its successor OR DOCUMENTS SHOWING AN OTHER-THAN-DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A REENLISTMENT, proper identification, and other relevant documents to show an applicant's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to each the 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 a qualified veterans veteran or to the veteran's surviving spouse. The plates must be placed or mounted on the vehicle owned by the veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse designated in the application and must be removed upon sale or other disposition of the vehicle.

(iii) Each A veteran or surviving spouse 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 account established in [section 1] for ADMINISTRATION,

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. (Terminates July 1, 1996--sec. 4, Ch. 654, L. 1989.)

61-3-332. (Effective July 1, 1996) 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 to the dealer, 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, 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 The 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 the 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:

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

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

1 are of a permanent nature, they are subject to replacement
 2 by the department only when the physical condition of the
 3 number plates requires it and a year number may not be
 4 displayed on the number plates.

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

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

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

1 Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23; Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera,
 2 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30;
 3 Teton, 31; Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34;
 4 Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38;
 5 Fallon, 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42;
 6 Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
 7 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson,
 8 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral, 54; Petroleum,
 9 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers
 10 by the department as they may be formed, beginning with the
 11 number 57.

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

1 disabled veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack,
 2 veterans of the armed services, or veterans of the armed
 3 services who were awarded the purple heart medal, who comply
 4 with the following provisions:

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

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

25 (c) A resident of Montana who is a veteran of the armed

1 forces of the United States and who is 100% disabled because
 2 of an injury that has been determined by the department of
 3 veterans affairs to be service-connected may, upon
 4 presentation to the department of proof of the 100%
 5 disability, be issued a special license plate under this
 6 section with a design or decal displaying the letters "DV".

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

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

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

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

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

1 war" or an abbreviation the department considers
 2 appropriate.

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

20 (f) A motor vehicle owner and resident of this state
 21 who is a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran of the
 22 armed services of the United States may be issued license
 23 plates inscribed as provided in subsection (10)(f)(i) if he
 24 the veteran was separated from the armed services under
 25 other than dishonorable circumstances or was awarded the

1 purple heart medal:

2 (i) Upon submission of ~~proof-in-a-form-prescribed-by~~
 3 ~~the-department-of-his~~ a department of defense form 214
 4 (DD-214) or its successor OR DOCUMENTS SHOWING AN
 5 OTHER-THAN-DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A REENLISTMENT, proper
 6 identification, and other relevant documents to show the
 7 applicant's qualification under this subsection, there must
 8 be issued to each the applicant, in lieu of the regular
 9 license plates prescribed by law, special license plates
 10 numbered in sets of two with a different number on each set.
 11 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 a qualified
 20 veterans veteran or to the veteran's surviving spouse. The
 21 plates must be placed or mounted on the vehicle owned by the
 22 veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse designated in the
 23 application and must be removed upon sale or other
 24 disposition of the vehicle.

25 (iii) Each A veteran or surviving spouse who receives

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

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

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

10 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the
 11 state special revenue fund ~~to the credit of the department~~
 12 ~~of military affairs to be appropriated by the legislature~~
 13 account established in [section 1] for ADMINISTRATION,
 14 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 eligible to receive a
 20 special parking permit under 49-4-301 may, upon written
 21 application on a form prescribed by the department, be
 22 issued a special license plate with a design or decal
 23 bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of
 24 the handicapped person."

25 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.

1 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
2 of Title 10, chapter 2, part 6, and the provisions of Title
3 10, chapter 2, part 6, apply to [section 1].

4 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is
5 effective July 1, 1993.

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