

House BILL NO. 222

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

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

15 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the department shall create a new design for number
16 plates as provided in this section.

17 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, plates must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in
18 length. The outline of the state of Montana must be used as a distinctive border on the license plates, and
19 the word "Montana" and the year must be placed across the plates. Registration plates must be treated
20 with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the department.

21 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin with a number one or with a letter-number
22 combination, such as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of letters and numbers. The
23 distinctive registration number or letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must appear on the
24 plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal
25 baseline. The county number must be separated from the distinctive registration number by a separation
26 mark unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of the numerals and letters must be
27 determined by the department, and all county and registration numbers must be of equal height.

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

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

1 various state departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments must bear the words "State
2 Owned", and a year number may not be indicated on the plates because these numbered plates are of a
3 permanent nature and will be replaced by the department only when the physical condition of numbered
4 plates requires it.

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

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

21 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or
22 quadricycle type may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or
23 quadricycle-type vehicle. A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a transfer of a number
24 plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

25 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state are assigned numbers as
26 follows: Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4; Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead,
27 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson,
28 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23;
29 Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; Teton, 31;
30 Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon,

1 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42; Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
2 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson, 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral,
3 54; Petroleum, 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers by the department as they
4 may be formed, beginning with the number 57.

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

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

21 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the United States of America who is a
22 resident of this state may be issued special license plates with a design or decal displaying the following:
23 United States army reserve, AR (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United States air force
24 reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
25 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
26 authorizing the issuance of special license plates, numbered in sets of two with a different number on each
27 set. The member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

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

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

2 (B) one set of any other military-related plates that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under
3 this section.

4 (ii) The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle
5 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
6 vehicle under this chapter.

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

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

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

12 (d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was
13 captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by the veteran's service
14 record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued special license plates, numbered in sets
15 of two with a different number on each set, with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of
16 war" or an abbreviation that the department considers appropriate.

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

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

1 (i) Upon submission of a department of defense form 214(DD-214) or its successor or documents
2 showing an other-than-dishonorable discharge or a ~~reenlistment~~ reenlistment, proper identification, and other
3 relevant documents to show an applicant's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to the
4 applicant, in lieu of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special license plates numbered in sets of
5 two with a different number on each set. The plates must display:

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the state special revenue account established in
21 10-2-603 for administration, construction, operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' cemetery.

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

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

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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 10. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 7] are intended to be
29 codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 3, part 4, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 3, part 4,
30 apply to [sections 1 through 7].

1 **NEW SECTION. Section 11. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Montana state prison
2 license plate factory \$25,000 of spending authority from the proprietary fund for the 1996-97 biennium
3 from revenue deposited under the provisions of [section 5(2)(a)].

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5 **NEW SECTION. Section 12. Applicability.** [Sections 4 through 7] apply to registrations of motor
6 vehicles occurring after December 31, 1995.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0222, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill authorizing the issuance of Child Health and Protection license plates, and the collection of donations for Child Health and Protection in addition to regular license plate fees and the distribution of donations to the MIAMI project.

ASSUMPTIONS:

Dept. of Corrections and Human Services (DCHS):

1. This fiscal note will apply only to the provisions covering the special license plate.
2. This bill would create another special license plate which would be "Child Health and Protection license plates" bearing the colors and insignia determined. The size and design of this license plate will be limited to the restrictions of plate size, Section 61-3-332, MCA, and the wording required.
3. The insignia will be multi-colored and a special scotchlite will have to be purchased.
4. Application for this type of plate will be made with the County treasurer. Plates will be made on a per request basis in the same manner as personalized plates.
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6. There is appropriated to the Montana State Prison (MSP) License Plate Factory \$25,000 of spending authority from the proprietary fund for the 1997 biennium from revenue deposited under the provisions of this bill.
7. An initial application and manufacturing fee of \$2.50 per plate set is required and will be deposited on a monthly basis in the MSP industries program proprietary fund to pay the cost of manufacturing these plates.
8. Estimate of issue of 2,000 plates is being made for this special license plate with production at 500 plates per year thereafter being made.
9. Based on current production costs, a set of plates will cost \$2.56, resulting in a net general fund cost of \$60 in FY96 and \$15 in FY97.


Dept of Health and Rnvironmental Sciences (DHES)

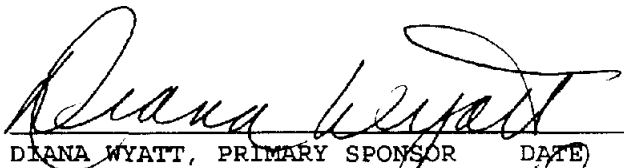
10. DHES will receive a donation of \$20 for each license plate issued and anticipate the minimum of 400 plates to be sold.
11. The funds are designated for the MIAMI project and used for operating expenses.
12. DCHS would need budget authority to spend funds generated.

Dept. of Justice

13. Design costs of \$500 for the new plates are anticipated by the Motor Vehicle Division in FY96.
14. The new license plates will be available to the public effective January 1, 1996. In FY96, about 200 of the plates will be personalized at a cost of \$20 each, generating \$4,000 general fund revenue. In FY97, these will be renewed at a cost of \$5 each and about 50 new \$20 personalized plates will be purchased for a total of \$2,000 general fund revenue.

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


DIANA WYATT, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
24 Jan 95
Fiscal Note for HB0222, as introduced

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:

	<u>FY96</u>	<u>FY97</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>DCHS:</u>		
Operating Expenses	2,560	640
Funding:		
Proprietary Fund	2,560	640
<u>DHES:</u>		
Operating Expenses	8,000	8,000
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State Special	8,000	8,000
<u>Dept of Justice:</u>		
Operating Expenses	500	
Funding:		
General Fund	500	
<u>Revenues:</u>		
<u>DCHS:</u>		
(1,000 sets @ \$2.50 FY96)	2,500	625
(250 sets @ \$2.50 FY97)		
<u>DHES:</u>		
License plate donations	8,000	8,000
<u>Dept. of Justice:</u>		
General Fund	4,000	2,000
<u>NET IMPACT:</u>		
General Fund	3,440	1,985
State Special	0	0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

Expanded MIAMI support may free up some county and other local resources for other needs.

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7 that bear the distinctive letters "DTR" or the letters "TR" and the word "DEALER", one for dealers in
8 recreational vehicles that bear the distinctive letters "RV" or the letter "R" and the word "DEALER", and
9 one for special license plates. All markings for the various kinds of dealers' plates must be placed on the
10 number plates assigned to the dealer, in the position that the department designates.

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

15 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the department shall create a new design for number
16 plates as provided in this section.

17 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, plates must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in
18 length. The outline of the state of Montana must be used as a distinctive border on the license plates, and
19 the word "Montana" and the year must be placed across the plates. Registration plates must be treated
20 with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the department.

21 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin with a number one or with a letter-number
22 combination, such as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of letters and numbers. The
23 distinctive registration number or letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must appear on the
24 plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal
25 baseline. The county number must be separated from the distinctive registration number by a separation
26 mark unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of the numerals and letters must be
27 determined by the department, and all county and registration numbers must be of equal height.

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

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

1 various state departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments must bear the words "State
2 Owned", and a year number may not be indicated on the plates because these numbered plates are of a
3 permanent nature and will be replaced by the department only when the physical condition of numbered
4 plates requires it.

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

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

21 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or
22 quadricycle type may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or
23 quadricycle-type vehicle. A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a transfer of a number
24 plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

25 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state are assigned numbers as
26 follows: Silver Bow, 1; Cascade, 2; Yellowstone, 3; Missoula, 4; Lewis and Clark, 5; Gallatin, 6; Flathead,
27 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson,
28 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23;
29 Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; Teton, 31;
30 Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon,

1 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42; Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
2 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson, 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral,
3 54; Petroleum, 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers by the department as they
4 may be formed, beginning with the number 57.

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

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

21 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the United States of America who is a
22 resident of this state may be issued special license plates with a design or decal displaying the following:
23 United States army reserve, AR (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United States air force
24 reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
25 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
26 authorizing the issuance of special license plates, numbered in sets of two with a different number on each
27 set. The member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

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

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

2 (B) one set of any other military-related plates that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under
3 this section.

4 (ii) The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle
5 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
6 vehicle under this chapter.

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

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

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

12 (d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was
13 captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by the veteran's service
14 record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued special license plates, numbered in sets
15 of two with a different number on each set, with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of
16 war" or an abbreviation that the department considers appropriate.

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

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

1 (i) Upon submission of a department of defense form 214(DD-214) or its successor or documents
2 showing an other-than-dishonorable discharge or a ~~reenlistment~~ reenlistment, proper identification, and other
3 relevant documents to show an applicant's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to the
4 applicant, in lieu of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special license plates numbered in sets of
5 two with a different number on each set. The plates must display:

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the state special revenue account established in
21 10-2-603 for administration, construction, operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' cemetery.

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

24 (g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a special parking permit under 49-4-301 may,
25 upon written application on a form prescribed by the department, be issued a special license plate with a
26 design or decal bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of the handicapped person."
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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 10. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 7] are intended to be
29 codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 3, part 4, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 3, part 4,
30 apply to [sections 1 through 7].

House BILL NO. 222

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHILD HEALTH AND PROTECTION LICENSE PLATES; AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF DONATIONS FOR CHILD HEALTH AND PROTECTION IN ADDITION TO REGULAR LICENSE PLATE FEES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS TO THE MIAMI PROJECT; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-332 AND 61-3-403, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Short title. [Sections 1 through 7] may be cited as the "Montana Child Health and Protection License Plates Act".

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Definition. As used in [sections 1 through 7], "child health and protection license plates" means license plates bearing the colors, numerals, letters, and insignia provided in [section 3] and issued as provided in [sections 4 through 6].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Child health and protection license plates. (1) Subject to the provisions of 61-3-332(3) and the requirement that child health and protection license plates must have a white reflectorized background, the department shall design, cause to be manufactured, and issue child health and protection license plates as provided in [sections 4 through 6].

(2) After consultation with the department of health and environmental sciences, the department shall prescribe the color and insignia to be displayed on child health and protection license plates.

(3) In addition to the distinctive color and insignia provided in subsection (2), each child health and protection license plate must:

(a) be imprinted consecutively with distinctive numerals from 1 through 99999, capital letters A through Z, or a combination of numerals and letters; and

(b) bear a nonremovable sticker denoting the correct county designation under 61-3-332.

(4) The department shall determine the minimum and maximum number of characters, including

1 both numerals and letters, on child health and protection license plates.

2 (5) No issue of child health and protection license plates may be ordered and manufactured unless
3 at least 400 sets of plates are ordered and prepaid.

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5 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Application for child health and protection license plates.** An applicant
6 for child health and protection license plates or renewal of child health and protection license plates
7 pursuant to [section 5] shall apply on the form and by the date that the department requires.

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9 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Issuance -- application -- additional fee -- disposition.** (1) The
10 department shall issue or renew child health and protection license plates upon receipt of an application that
11 shows:

12 (a) compliance with 61-3-303, 61-3-311, and 61-3-312; and

13 (b) payment to the county treasurer of:

14 (i) an initial application and manufacturing fee of \$2.50, when required; and

15 (ii) an annual donation of \$20 for the benefit of the MIAMI project described in 50-19-311.

16 (2) Once each month, the county treasurer shall transfer to the state treasurer the total of the
17 amounts collected for:

18 (a) the initial application and manufacturing fee for deposit in the Montana state prison industries
19 account in the proprietary fund for appropriation by the legislature to pay the cost of manufacturing child
20 health and protection license plates; and

21 (b) donations provided for in subsection (1)(b)(ii), along with a schedule showing the number of
22 child health and protection license plates issued and the total donations received for the benefit of the
23 MIAMI project.

24 (3) Once each month, the state treasurer shall distribute to the department of health and
25 environmental sciences for allocation to the MIAMI project the amount transferred under subsection (2)(b)
26 to the state treasurer by the county treasurers during the preceding month.

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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Personalized child health and protection license plates.** (1) Subject to
29 the provisions of 61-3-405 and 61-3-406, an application for child health and protection license plates may
30 be combined with an application for personalized plates.

1 (2) An application for personalized child health and protection license plates must be made on a
2 form supplied by the department.

3 (3) Personalized child health and protection license plates must bear the distinctive color and
4 insignia as provided in [section 3].

5
6 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Authorization to receive and transmit donations.** As provided in [section
7 5] and notwithstanding any other provisions of Title 7, Title 17, or this title:

8 (1) the county treasurer shall receive the annual donations provided for in [section 5] and once
9 each month transmit those donations to the state treasurer; and

10 (2) the state treasurer shall accept the annual donations and once each month distribute the
11 accumulated proceeds to the department of health and environmental sciences, to be allocated to the
12 MIAMI project, according to the totals contained in the county treasurers' reports.

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14 **Section 8.** Section 61-3-403, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"61-3-403. Color and design of personalized license plates -- exception -- county designation.** (1)
16 Except as provided in 61-3-466 or [section 6], the personalized license plates must be the same color and
17 design as regular passenger motor vehicle license plates and must consist of numbers or letters, or any
18 combination ~~thereof~~ of numbers or letters, not exceeding eight positions and not less than two positions,
19 provided that there are no conflicts with existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle, quadricycle,
20 or special license plate series under this title.

21 (2) Upon the issuance of personalized license plates or upon the reregistration of any motor vehicle
22 assigned personalized license plates that do not bear a county designation or no longer bear the correct
23 county designation, the department shall provide nonremovable stickers bearing the appropriate county
24 designation, which must be affixed to the license plates in use in accordance with instructions by the
25 department."

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27 **Section 9.** Section 61-3-332, MCA, is amended to read:

28 **"61-3-332. Number plates.** (1) A motor vehicle that is driven upon the streets or highways of
29 Montana must display both front and rear number plates, bearing the distinctive number assigned the
30 vehicle. The number plates are in 10 series: one series for owners of motorcars, one for owners of motor

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

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

15 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the department shall create a new design for number
16 plates as provided in this section.

17 (4) In the case of motorcars and trucks, plates must be of metal 6 inches wide and 12 inches in
18 length. The outline of the state of Montana must be used as a distinctive border on the license plates, and
19 the word "Montana" and the year must be placed across the plates. Registration plates must be treated
20 with a reflectorized background material according to specifications prescribed by the department.

21 (5) The distinctive registration numbers must begin with a number one or with a letter-number
22 combination, such as "A 1" or "AA 1", or any other similar combination of letters and numbers. The
23 distinctive registration number or letter-number combination assigned to the vehicle must appear on the
24 plate preceded by the number of the county and appearing in horizontal order on the same horizontal
25 baseline. The county number must be separated from the distinctive registration number by a separation
26 mark unless a letter-number combination is used. The dimensions of the numerals and letters must be
27 determined by the department, and all county and registration numbers must be of equal height.

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

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

1 various state departments. All numbered plates issued to state departments must bear the words "State
2 Owned", and a year number may not be indicated on the plates because these numbered plates are of a
3 permanent nature and will be replaced by the department only when the physical condition of numbered
4 plates requires it.

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

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

21 (8) Number plates issued to a passenger car, truck, trailer, or vehicle of the motorcycle or
22 quadricycle type may be transferred only to a replacement passenger car, truck, trailer, or motorcycle- or
23 quadricycle-type vehicle. A registration or license fee may not be assessed upon a transfer of a number
24 plate under 61-3-317 and 61-3-335.

25 (9) For the purpose of this chapter, the several counties of the state are assigned numbers as
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27 7; Fergus, 8; Powder River, 9; Carbon, 10; Phillips, 11; Hill, 12; Ravalli, 13; Custer, 14; Lake, 15; Dawson,
28 16; Roosevelt, 17; Beaverhead, 18; Chouteau, 19; Valley, 20; Toole, 21; Big Horn, 22; Musselshell, 23;
29 Blaine, 24; Madison, 25; Pondera, 26; Richland, 27; Powell, 28; Rosebud, 29; Deer Lodge, 30; Teton, 31;
30 Stillwater, 32; Treasure, 33; Sheridan, 34; Sanders, 35; Judith Basin, 36; Daniels, 37; Glacier, 38; Fallon,

1 39; Sweet Grass, 40; McCone, 41; Carter, 42; Broadwater, 43; Wheatland, 44; Prairie, 45; Granite, 46;
2 Meagher, 47; Liberty, 48; Park, 49; Garfield, 50; Jefferson, 51; Wibaux, 52; Golden Valley, 53; Mineral,
3 54; Petroleum, 55; Lincoln, 56. Any new counties must be assigned numbers by the department as they
4 may be formed, beginning with the number 57.

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

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

21 (b) An active member of the reserve armed forces of the United States of America who is a
22 resident of this state may be issued special license plates with a design or decal displaying the following:
23 United States army reserve, AR (symbol); United States naval reserve, NR (anchor); United States air force
24 reserve, AFR (symbol); and United States marine corps reserve, MCR (globe and anchor). The commanding
25 officer of each armed forces reserve unit shall issue to each eligible member of the reserve unit a certificate
26 authorizing the issuance of special license plates, numbered in sets of two with a different number on each
27 set. The member shall surrender the plates to the department upon becoming ineligible to use them.

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

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

2 (B) one set of any other military-related plates that the disabled veteran is eligible to receive under
3 this section.

4 (ii) The fee for original or renewal registration by a 100% disabled veteran for a passenger vehicle
5 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
6 vehicle under this chapter.

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

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

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

12 (d) A Montana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and was
13 captured and held prisoner by a military force of a foreign nation, documented by the veteran's service
14 record, may upon application and presentation of proof be issued special license plates, numbered in sets
15 of two with a different number on each set, with a design or decal displaying the words "ex-prisoner of
16 war" or an abbreviation that the department considers appropriate.

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

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

1 (i) Upon submission of a department of defense form 214(DD-214) or its successor or documents
2 showing an other-than-dishonorable discharge or a ~~reinstatement~~ reenlistment, proper identification, and other
3 relevant documents to show an applicant's qualification under this subsection, there must be issued to the
4 applicant, in lieu of the regular license plates prescribed by law, special license plates numbered in sets of
5 two with a different number on each set. The plates must display:

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (C) deposit the remainder of the special fee in the state special revenue account established in
21 10-2-603 for administration, construction, operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' cemetery.

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

24 (g) A Montana resident who is eligible to receive a special parking permit under 49-4-301 may,
25 upon written application on a form prescribed by the department, be issued a special license plate with a
26 design or decal bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of the handicapped person."
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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 10. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 7] are intended to be
29 codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 3, part 4, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 3, part 4,
30 apply to [sections 1 through 7].

1 **NEW SECTION. Section 11. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Montana state prison
2 license plate factory \$25,000 of spending authority from the proprietary fund for the 1996-97 biennium
3 from revenue deposited under the provisions of [section 5(2)(a)].

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5 **NEW SECTION. Section 12. Applicability.** [Sections 4 through 7] apply to registrations of motor
6 vehicles occurring after December 31, 1995.

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