

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 8, 1985

The first meeting of the Highways and Transportation was called to order at 1 p.m. on January 8, 1985 by Chairman Lawrence G. Stimatz in Room 410 of the Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Members of the committee are: Senator Stimatz, Chairman; Senator D. Manning, Vice-Chairman; Senator Bengtson; Senator Daniels; Senator Farrell; Senator Hager; Senator Lybeck; Senator Shaw; Senator Tveit; Senator Williams

RESEARCHER: PAUL VERDON SECRETARY: MARGIE BENDER

All members were present except Senator D. Manning whom was excused.

There were visitors in attendance. (See attachment)

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 15: Allen Kolstad, Senate District 7, is the sponsor of this bill. He was asked to introduce this bill by the Code Commissioner. General summary of purpose of bill is that under the present laws there are special license plate provisions for owners of motor vehicles who are disabled veterans, former prisoners of war, or handicapped persons. These provisions are located in three separate titles of the codes. The provisions are duplicative in some instances. The main purpose of the bill is to unify the provisions within the special registration part of the motor vehicle registration laws in Title 61, MCA.

PROPONENTS: Senator Kolstad, Senate District 7, spoke in support of SB 15.

Jim Lear, Attorney, representing the Code Commission spoke in support of SB 15.

OPPONENTS: There were no opponents to SB 15.

Questions from the committee were called for.

Senator Bengtson asked what changes are being made to the bill? Jim Lear, Attorney for the Legislative Council representing the Code Commission, reviewed the bill. He stated that 61-3-443 and 10-2-301 did not jive. To resolve the conflict between the two sections, everything will be under 10-2-301 and re-numbered 10-2-301, 10-2-302, 10-2-303, 10-2-304.

Roll Call Votes were discussed. At the discretion of the Chairman, any member of the committee may call for a roll call vote. Order of the vote will be the Chairman voting first proceeding in alphabetical order.

Absentee Ballots were discussed with many committee suggestions being made. Chairman stated that each vote is individual in own sense.

The hearing was closed on SB 15.

ACTION ON SB 15:

Senator Shaw moved that the committee recommend a DO PASS on SB 15. The motion was carried and unanimously passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The committee will meet again on Thursday, January 10, 1985, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


LAWRENCE G. STIMATZ
CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORT. COMMITTEE

48th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date 1-8-85

SENATE
SEAT
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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
#7 SENATOR STIMATZ	X		
#25 SENATOR MANNING			X
#27 SENATOR BENGTON	X		
#8 SENATOR DANIELS	X		
#32 SENATOR FARRELL	X		
#42 SENATOR HAGER	X		
#48 SENATOR LYBECK	X		
#23 SENATOR SHAW	X		
#3 SENATOR TVEIT	X		
#39 SENATOR WILLIAMS	X		

Each day attach to minutes.

NAME Jim Lear

BILL No. SB15

ADDRESS Rm 117, Capitol

DATE 1-08-85

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Code Commissioner

SUPPORT OPPOSE AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: see summary attached to bill

1 SENATE BILL NO. 15

2 AN ACT TO GENERALLY REVISE AND CLARIFY CERTAIN SPECIAL
3 VEHICLE LICENSE LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-2-301 THROUGH
4 10-2-303, 49-4-304, AND 61-3-446, MCA; REPEALING SECTION
5 61-3-443, MCA; AND RENUMBERING SECTIONS 10-2-301 THROUGH
6 10-2-304, MCA.

7 General summary of purpose of bill: Under the present
8 laws there are special license plate provisions for owners
9 of motor vehicles who are disabled veterans, former
10 prisoners of war, or handicapped persons. These provisions
11 are located in three separate titles of the codes. The
12 provisions are duplicative in some instances. The main
13 purpose of the bill is to unify the provisions within the
14 special registration part of the motor vehicle registration
15 laws in Title 61, MCA.

16 Section 1. 10-2-301. This amendment deletes the
17 requirement in subsection (1) that a disabled veteran be a
18 citizen. That requirement is subsumed by the requirement
19 that he be a resident of the state of Montana. In
20 subsection (2) the language describing the numbering of the
21 disabled veterans' plates is modified to conform with that
22 in 61-3-443 through 61-3-445.

23 Section 2. 10-2-302. This section is amended by
24 clarifying that the special license plates for disabled
25 veterans are not transferable. The internal reference to
26 section 10-2-301 is bracketed since sections 10-2-301
27 through 10-2-304 are proposed to be renumbered in Title 61,
28 chapter 3, part 4.

29 Section 3. 10-2-303. Same as explanation for section
30 2.

31 Section 4. 49-4-304. In subsection (1) an internal
32 reference to 61-3-445 is inserted to direct the reader to
33 the special license plate provisions of Title 61. In
34 subsection (3) the reference to special license plate is
35 omitted since it is redundant with the declaration in
36 61-3-445 that the plate bear a representation of a
37 wheelchair as the symbol of a handicapped person.

38 Section 5. 61-3-446. This section is amended to remove
39 and replace reference to 61-3-443, which is repealed by
40 section 6 because of renumbering. The reference will be
41 replaced with the new numbers assigned under section 7.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

We, your committee on

SENATE BILL 15

having had under consideration..... No.....

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REVISE CERTAIN SPECIAL VEHICLE LICENSE LAWS

SENATE BILL 15

Respectfully report as follows: That..... No.....

DO PASS

DO NOT PASS

Lawrence G. Stinatz
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LAWRENCE G. STINATZ

Chairman.