

HOUSE BILL NO. 556

INTRODUCED BY GALLIK, COONEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES THAT ARE REGISTERED IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THEM TO DISPLAY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR LICENSE PLATES; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ADOPT RULES THAT PROVIDE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR MOTOR HOMES THAT DISPLAY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR LICENSE PLATES; ~~AND~~ AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-313 AND 61-3-526, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 61-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-313. Vehicles subject to staggered registration. For purposes of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316, "vehicle" means a motor vehicle, as defined in 61-1-102, that is subject to annual registration in this state except:

- (1) vehicles owned or leased and operated by the government of the United States or by the state of Montana or a political subdivision of the state;
- (2) mobile homes and motor homes;
- (3) vehicles that are registered in accordance with or subject to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A); or 61-3-411; ~~or~~ 61-3-421;
- (4) trucks exceeding a 1-ton rated capacity;
- (5) trailers, semitrailers, tractors, buses, motorcycles, quadricycles, and motor-driven cycles;
- (6) special mobile equipment as defined in 61-1-104;
- (7) motor vehicles registered as part of a fleet under 61-3-318; and
- (8) apportionable vehicles registered as part of a fleet, as defined in 61-3-712, that is subject to the provisions of 61-3-711 through 61-3-733."

Section 2. Section 61-3-526, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-526. Registration of motor homes and travel trailers -- reregistration by mail allowed. (1) All Except for a motor home displaying amateur radio operator license plates as provided in 61-3-421, all

1 registrations of motor homes and travel trailers expire annually on April 30. Application for registration or
2 reregistration must be made to the county treasurer not later than June 15. Reregistration may be made by mail
3 in the manner provided in 61-3-535. If the ownership of a motor home or travel trailer is transferred during the
4 registration year, it must be reregistered and relicensed as provided by statute.

5 (2) The owner of a motor home or travel trailer registered under the provisions of this section is entitled
6 to operate ~~such the~~ vehicle between May 1 and June 15 without displaying the registration certificate of the
7 current registration year if the owner, during that period, displays upon the motor home or travel trailer the
8 number plates, plate, or decal assigned ~~thereto~~ to the motor home or travel trailer for the previous registration
9 year.

10 (3) The department shall adopt rules to assign a registration period for motor homes that display
11 amateur radio operator license plates."

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13 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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