

Amendments to House Bill 35
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EXHIBIT 2
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Proposed by Montana Department of Justice
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1. Title, line 10

Following: "2-18-303":

Strike: "AND"

Insert: ","

2. Title, line 11

Following: "17-7-502"

Insert: ", 23-2-512, 23-2-616, 23-2-802, and 61-3-321"

3. Page 5, line 28

Following: "[section"

Strike: "3"

Insert: "7"

4. Page 6, line 15

Insert: "Section 3. Section 23-2-512, MCA, is amended to read:

" **23-2-512. Identification number.** (1) The owner of each motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft requiring numbering by this state shall file an application for number in the office of the county treasurer in the county where the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is owned, on forms prepared and furnished by the department of justice. The application must be signed by the owner of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft and be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$3.50 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$15.50~~ \$20.50. Any alteration, change, or false statement contained in the application renders the certificate of number void. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the county treasurer shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number prepared and furnished by the department of justice, stating the number assigned to the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft and the name and address of the owner.

(2) The applicant, upon the filing of the application, shall pay to the county treasurer the fee in lieu of tax required under 23-2-517 for a motorboat 10 feet in length or longer, a sailboat 12 feet in length or longer, or a personal watercraft before the application for certification or, if applicable, recertification may be accepted by the county treasurer.

(3) If the ownership of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft changes, a new application form with the certification fee must be filed within a reasonable time with the county treasurer and a new certificate of number assigned in the same manner as provided for in an original assignment of number.

(4) If an agency of the United States government has in force a comprehensive system of identification numbering for motorboats in the United States, the numbering system employed pursuant to this part by the department of justice must be in conformity.

(5) A certificate of number and a registration decal issued under this part are effective unless terminated or discontinued in accordance with the provisions of this part.

(6) If ownership is transferred, the purchaser shall notify the county treasurer within a reasonable time of the acquisition of all or any part of the purchaser's interest, other than the creation of a security interest, in a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft numbered in this state or of the loss, theft, destruction, or abandonment of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. The transfer, loss, theft, destruction, or abandonment terminates the certificate of number for the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. Recovery from theft or transfer of a part interest that does not affect the owner's right to operate the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft does not terminate the certificate of number.

(7) A holder of a certificate of number shall notify the county treasurer within a reasonable time if the holder's address no longer conforms to the address appearing on the certificate and shall furnish the county treasurer with the new address. The department of justice may provide by rule for the surrender of the certificate bearing the former address and its replacement with a certificate bearing the new address or the alteration of an outstanding certificate to show the new address of the holder.

(8) (a) The number assigned must be painted on or attached to each outboard side of the forward half of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft or, if there are no sides, at a corresponding location on both outboard sides of the foredeck of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. The number assigned must read from left to right in Arabic numerals and block characters of good proportion at least 3 inches tall excluding border or trim of a color that contrasts with the color of the background and be so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible. The number may not be placed on the obscured underside of the flared bow where it cannot be easily seen from another vessel or ashore. Numerals, letters, or devices other than those used in connection with the identifying number issued may not be placed in the proximity of the identifying number. Numerals, letters, or devices that might interfere with the ready identification of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft by its identifying number may not be carried in a manner that interferes with the motorboat's, sailboat's, or personal watercraft's identification. A number other than the number assigned to a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft or granted reciprocity under this part may not be painted, attached, or otherwise displayed on either side of the forward half of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. A registration decal issued under this part must be placed next to the identifying number located on the left side of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft or, if there are no sides, at the corresponding location on the left outboard side of the foredeck of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft.

(b) The certificate of number must be pocket size and available to federal, state, or local law enforcement officers at all reasonable times for inspection on the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft whenever the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is on waters of this state.

(c) Boat liveries are not required to have the certificate of number on board each motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft, but a rental agreement must be carried on board livery motorboats, sailboats, or personal watercraft in place of the certificate of number.

(9) Fees (a) Except as provided in subsection (9)(b) of this section, fees, other than the fee in lieu of tax, collected under this section must be transmitted to the department of revenue, as provided in 15-1-504, for deposit in the state general fund.

(b) \$5 of the \$20.50 fee required in subsection (1) must be deposited in the account provided under [section 7] to partially fund salary increases for highway patrol officers.

(10) An owner of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft shall within a reasonable time notify the department of justice, giving the motorboat's, sailboat's, or personal watercraft's identifying number and the owner's name if the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is transferred, lost, destroyed, or abandoned or within 60 days after a change of the state of principal use or if a motorboat becomes documented as a vessel of the United States.

Section 4. Section 23-2-616, MCA, is amended to read:

" 23-2-616. Registration and registration decal -- application and issuance -- use of certain fees. (1) Except for a snowmobile registered under 23-2-621, a snowmobile may not be operated on public lands by any person unless it has been registered and a registration decal is displayed in a conspicuous place on the left side of the cowl.

(2) (a) A Montana resident who owns a snowmobile operated on public land shall register the snowmobile at the county treasurer's office in the county where the owner resides.

(b) A county treasurer shall register a snowmobile if:

(i) as of the date that the snowmobile is to be registered, the owner delivers or has delivered an application for a certificate of title to the department, its authorized agent, or a county treasurer; or

(ii) the county treasurer has confirmed that the department of justice has an electronic record of title for the snowmobile as provided in 61-3-101.

(c) To register a snowmobile, the county treasurer shall update the electronic record of title maintained by the department of justice, by entering the fees paid and recording any changes to the record.

(3) The owner registering a snowmobile shall pay a registration fee of ~~\$6.50 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$20.50~~ \$25.50 and, if the snowmobile has previously been registered, show the county treasurer the registration receipt for the most recent year in which the snowmobile was registered. Upon payment of the proper fees, including the fee in lieu of tax, the treasurer shall issue a registration receipt that contains information considered necessary by the department of justice and a listing of fees paid. The owner shall retain possession of the registration receipt until it is surrendered to the county treasurer or to a purchaser or subsequent owner pursuant to a transfer of ownership.

(4) The county treasurer shall forward the application to the department of justice and shall issue to the applicant a registration decal in the style and design prescribed by the department of justice.

(5) The county treasurer may not register a snowmobile under this section unless the applicant has paid the registration fee and the fee in lieu of property tax on the snowmobile as required by 15-16-202.

(6) (a) Except as provided in subsection (6)(b) of this section, all All money collected from payment of registration fees and all interest accruing from use of this money must be forwarded to the department of revenue, as provided in 15-1-504, for deposit in the state general fund.

(b) \$5 of the \$25.50 fee required in subsection (3) must be deposited in the account provided under [section 7] to partially fund salary increases for highway patrol officers.

(7) The county treasurer shall credit all fees in lieu of tax collected on snowmobiles to the state general fund.

(8) The fee imposed in subsection (3) is a one-time fee except on change of ownership. When ownership of the snowmobile changes, the new owner shall pay the fee in subsection (3)."

Section 5. Section 23-2-803, MCA, is amended to read:

" 23-2-803. One-time fee in lieu of tax on off-highway vehicles -- exception -- disposition of fees. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), there is a one-time fee in lieu of tax on off-highway vehicles, other than off-highway vehicles constituting the inventory of a dealership licensed under 23-2-818, to be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which the owner of the off-highway vehicle resides. The one-time fee for an off-highway vehicle is ~~\$20 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$40~~ \$45.

(2) Whenever a transfer of ownership of an off-highway vehicle occurs, the one-time fee required under subsection (1) must be paid by the new owner.

(3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b) of this section, the The county treasurer shall transfer all fees in lieu of tax collected on off-highway vehicles pursuant to this section to the state general fund.

(b) \$5 of the \$45 fee required in subsection (1) must be deposited in the account provided under [section 7] to partially fund salary increases for highway patrol officers."

Section 6. Section 61-3-321, MCA, is amended to read:

" 61-3-321. Registration fees of vehicles -- certain vehicles exempt from registration fees -- disposition of fees. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, registration fees must be paid upon registration or, if applicable, reregistration of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, in accordance with this chapter, as follows:

(a) light vehicles under 2,850 pounds, \$13.75 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$17;

(b) trailers with a declared weight of less than 2,500 pounds and semitrailers, \$8.25. For a trailer or semitrailer described in 61-3-530(1), this fee is a one-time fee, except upon transfer of ownership of the trailer or semitrailer.

(c) motor vehicles registered pursuant to 61-3-411 that are:

(i) 2,850 pounds and over, \$10; and

(ii) under 2,850 pounds, \$5;

(d) off-highway vehicles registered pursuant to 23-2-817, \$9 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$19.25. This fee is a one-time fee, except upon transfer of ownership of an off-highway vehicle.

(e) light vehicles over 2,850 pounds, trucks and buses less than 1 ton, and heavy trucks in excess of 1 ton, \$18.75 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$22;

(f) logging trucks less than 1 ton, \$23.75;

(g) motor homes, \$22.25;

(h) motorcycles and quadricycles, \$9.75 for a motorcycle or quadricycle with special license plates issued under 61-3-415 and, for a motorcycle or quadricycle under one-time registration, \$9.75 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$11.25. This fee is a one-time fee, except upon transfer of ownership of a motorcycle or quadricycle.

(i) trailers and semitrailers between 2,500 and 6,000 pounds, \$11.25. For a trailer or semitrailer described in 61-3-530(1), this fee is a one-time fee, except upon transfer of ownership of the trailer or semitrailer.

(j) trailers and semitrailers in excess of 6,000 pounds, other than trailers and semitrailers registered in other jurisdictions and registered through a proportional registration agreement, \$16.25. For a trailer or semitrailer described in 61-3-530(1), this fee is a one-time fee, except upon transfer of ownership of the trailer or semitrailer.

(k) travel trailers, \$11.75. This fee is a one-time fee, except upon transfer of ownership of a travel trailer.

(l) recreational vehicles, \$3.50 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$9.75. If the recreational vehicle is a travel trailer, this fee is a one-time fee, except upon transfer of ownership of a travel trailer.

(2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), if a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is originally registered 6 months after the time of registration as set by law, the registration fee for the remainder of the year is one-half of the regular fee.

(b) For a trailer or semitrailer described in 61-3-530(1), the applicable fees must be paid regardless of when the fees were last paid or if the fees were paid at all.

(3) An additional fee of \$5 for a motorcycle or quadricycle with special license plates issued under 61-3-415 and, for a motorcycle or quadricycle under one-time registration, \$5 in calendar year 2004 and, in each subsequent year, \$16 must be collected for the registration of each motorcycle as a safety fee and must be deposited in the state motorcycle safety account provided for in 20-25-1002.

(4) A fee of \$5 for each set of new number plates must be collected when number plates provided for under 61-3-332(2) are issued.

(5) The provisions of this part with respect to the payment of registration fees do not apply to and are not binding upon motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or tractors owned or controlled by the United States of America or any state, county, city, or special district, as defined in 18-8-202.

(6) (a) Except as provided in 61-3-562 and subsection (6)(b) of this section, a fee of 25 cents a year for each registration of a vehicle must be collected when a vehicle is registered or reregistered. The revenue derived from this fee must be forwarded by the county treasurer for deposit in the state general fund for transfer to the credit of the senior citizens and persons with disabilities transportation services account provided for in 7-14-112.

(b) The following vehicles are not subject to the fee imposed in subsection (6)(a):

(i) trailers and semitrailers registered in other jurisdictions and registered through a proportional registration agreement; and

(ii) travel trailers, recreational vehicles, and off-highway vehicles registered pursuant to 23-2-817.

(7) (a) Except as provided in 61-3-562 and subsection (7)(b) of this section, a fee of 50 cents a year for each registration of a vehicle must be collected when a vehicle is

registered or reregistered. The county treasurer shall forward revenue derived from this fee to the state for deposit in the general fund.

(b) The following vehicles are not subject to the fee:

(i) trailers and semitrailers registered in other jurisdictions and registered through a proportional registration agreement;

(ii) off-highway vehicles registered pursuant to 23-2-817; and

(iii) vehicles bearing license plates described in 61-3-458(3)(d).

(8) The provisions of this section relating to the payment of registration fees or new number plate fees do not apply when number plates are transferred to a replacement vehicle under 61-3-317, 61-3-332, or 61-3-335.

(9) A person eligible for a waiver under 61-3-460 is exempt from the fees required under this section.

(10) Except as otherwise provided in this section, revenue collected under this section must be deposited in the state general fund.

(11) (a) Unless a person exercises the option in subsection (11)(b), an additional fee of \$4 must be collected for each light vehicle or truck under 8,001 pounds GVW registered for licensing pursuant to this part. The fee must be deposited in the state general fund to be used for state parks, for fishing access sites, and for the operation of state-owned facilities as provided in 15-1-122(3)(c)(vii).

(b) A person who registers a light vehicle or truck under 8,001 pounds GVW may, at the time of annual registration, certify that the person does not intend to use state parks and fishing access sites and may make a written election not to pay the additional \$4 fee provided for in subsection (11)(a). If a written election is made, the fee may not be collected.

(12) For each vehicle subject to a registration fee under subsection (1) of this section, an additional fee of \$5 must be collected and deposited in the account provided under [section 7] to partially fund salary increases for highway patrol officers.”

Renumber: subsequent sections

5. Page 6, lines 16-17

Following: “Section 3.”

Strike: “Motor” through “special –“ on line 17

Insert: “Special”

Following: “account”

Insert: “for partial funding of highway patrol officers’ salaries – statutory appropriation.”

6. Page 6, lines 17-22

Strike: subsection (1) in its entirety and “(2)” on line 22

7. Page 6, lines 22-24

Following: “17-2-102.”

Strike: “The” on line 22 through “is” on line 24

Insert: “Fees deposited into this account as required under 23-3-512(9)(b), 23-2-616(6)(b), 23-2-803(3)(b) and 61-3-321(12) are”

8. Page 7, line 9

Following: "[Section]"

Strike: "3"

Insert: "7"

9. Page 7, line 10

Following: "Title"

Strike: remainder of line

Insert: "44, chapter 1, part 5, and the provisions of Title 44 apply to [section 7]."

10. Page 7, line 15

Following: "on"

Strike: "passage and approval"

Insert: "January 1, 2006"

11. Page 7, line 16

Following: "(2)"

Strike: remainder of line

Insert: "(a) [section 1] and this section are effective on passage and approval.

(b) [Section 8] is effective on July 1, 2005."

12. Page 7, lines 18-19

Strike: section 7 in its entirety

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