

Dwight Wade - Three Forks - work for MDOT - Pres. MSRA
Our membership is made up of people from all over the state of MT, surrounding states, and even Canada to promote better relations between car enthusiasts and govt. agencies and to promote the safety of our automobiles. Our members feel that there is an issue before you that needs to be addressed which is the front license plate removal.

Reasons

1. Sports cars & custom cars have no appropriate place for a front license plate

No problem to stop & check registration & insurance- investment	law abiding & safety inspections	2005 GM cars	building process rear plate is planned to obey law	not daily drivers trailer queens
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2. 19 states - 38% - don't require front plate

3. Plate recognition

Info on copies	law on 25 Years & older	never see county #	neighboring states & Canada can't tell MT	look in parking lot at stoplight
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Benefits to State

1. Cost saving to produce only 1 plate

In conclusion, the members of MSRA and other car organizations represented here today, request the removal of the front license plate as a cost savings, with no detriment to law enforcement and to be consistent with changes in other states.

www.doj.state.mt.us/driving/platedesign

Under Standard plates - 56 counties + personalized plates

Under Original Montana plates - 25 years and older

Using 1925-1975 there are a possibility

Of 50 years X 56 counties = 2800 plates

Military, vintage & pioneer, sponsored organizations, other plates -

96 currently available

EMC, MSC, MT Centennial are examples of plates that are not currently available but were issued and still in use- also you can get a personalized plate on a sponsored plate, such as RMC plate (instead of RMC630- you can have RMCsuzie)- unlimited possibilities

When we counted 3000 possibilities, we quit counting

- used solely as collectors' items, rather than for general transportation

Unlike other plate types, Vintage and Pioneer plates stay with the vehicle when it is sold. If the vehicle is sold out of state, the plates must be surrendered to the Title and Registration Bureau.

How to purchase Vintage and Pioneer plates

A Montana title must be issued in the applicant's name before Vintage or Pioneer plates can be issued.

1. Complete an Application for Registration of a Vintage or Pioneer Vehicle (Form MV3).
2. Send the completed form to the Title and Registration Bureau, not your county treasurer.
3. Pay all applicable title fees and any special license plate fees.

Original Montana Plates

Original Montana license plates were issued during the same year a motor vehicle was manufactured. For example, the owner of a 1976 Dodge may want to use a set of plates issued in 1976. **Original Montana license plates are not re-manufactured by the state – the applicant must obtain existing plates.** A Montana title must be issued in the applicant's name before Original plates can be registered.

To display Original license plates on a vehicle used for **general transportation**, the vehicle must be 25 years old or older. The applicant must have a set of two Original Montana license plates and:

1. complete the top section of the Application to Display Original Montana License Plates (Form MV97) and have law enforcement complete the bottom section
2. permanently register the vehicle in the applicant's name through the county treasurer's office, in accordance with MCA 61-3-562
3. pay all applicable fees and any special license plate fees

To display Original license plates on a vehicle used solely as a **collector's item**, not for general transportation, the vehicle must be 30 years old or older. The applicant must have a set of two Original Montana license plates and:

1. complete the top section of the Application to Display Original Montana License Plates (Form MV97) and have law enforcement complete the bottom section
2. register the vehicle in the applicant's name through the Title and Registration Bureau, in accordance with MCA 61-3-411
3. pay all applicable fees and any special license plate fees

Military Plates

Eligibility – Under MCA 61-3-458, special military or veteran license plates may be issued to:

- active military personnel
- veterans
- the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran if the spouse has not remarried, as determined by the military

Plate Designs and Fees

- Military

Montana residents who are active members of the regular armed forces, National Guard or reserve

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Hi-Line Cruz'n Association

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February 7, 2005

Ms. Penny Morgan

House of Representatives

RE: House Bill 543

Dear Ms. Morgan:

On behalf of our car club, I am writing to you in support of House Bill 543.

The members of our club own and drive various special interest vehicles, some of which, after restored, do not have a place to put a front license plate. We strongly feel that since the State of Montana only issues one (1) tag now, there is no reason why we have to run two (2) license plates. We feel that eliminating the front license plate will also save the State of Montana thousands of dollars. This alone should be reason enough to eliminate the front license plate.

Please push this bill through the legislature. It not only benefits the vehicle owners but most importantly the State of Montana.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Brian Doll

President

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February 7, 2005

Penny Morgan

House of Representatives

RE: HB 543

Dear Ms. Morgan:

This letter is written in support of House Bill 543. We want only one (1) plate on a motor vehicle. We do not see why Montana needs two (2) license plates. There are several other states in the nation that only have the one plate. Since money is always an issue, by going to the one license plate, think of the thousands of dollars that would be saved in the making of just one plate. Isn't that the reason why Montana is only issuing one tag now?

Please do all you can to push through HB 543, which will eliminate the front license plate on all vehicles.

Thank you,

Chuck and Barb Salerno