

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 218

2 INTRODUCED BY M. MILLER

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS TO QUALIFY AS  
5 SELF-INSURERS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-6-143, MCA."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 61-6-143, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"61-6-143. Self-insurers.** (1) Any person in whose name more than 25 motor vehicles are registered  
11 or any religious denomination that has more than 25 members with registered motor vehicles and that prohibits  
12 its members from purchasing any form of insurance as being contrary to its religious tenets may qualify as a  
13 self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance issued by the department as provided in subsection (2) of  
14 this section.15 (2) The department may, in its discretion, upon the application of such a person or denomination, issue  
16 a certificate of self-insurance when it is satisfied that ~~such the~~ person or denomination is possessed and will  
17 continue to be possessed of ability to pay judgments obtained against ~~such the~~ person.18 (3) Upon not less than 5 days' notice and a hearing pursuant to ~~such the~~ notice, the department may  
19 upon reasonable grounds cancel a certificate of self-insurance. Failure to pay any judgment within 30 days after  
20 ~~such the~~ judgment shall have become becomes final ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a reasonable ground for the  
21 cancellation of a certificate of self-insurance."

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