

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 218

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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."6
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:8
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~~
14 SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) of 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) THE DEPARTMENT MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, UPON THE APPLICATION OF A RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION
19 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1), ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF SELF-INSURANCE WHEN THE DENOMINATION DEMONSTRATES THE
20 ABILITY TO MEET THE MINIMUM LIABILITY POLICY LIMITS, AS PROVIDED IN 61-6-103, FOR MEMBER VEHICLES.21 ~~(3)(4)~~ Upon not less than 5 days' notice and a hearing pursuant to ~~such the~~ notice, the department may
22 upon reasonable grounds cancel a certificate of self-insurance. Failure to pay any judgment within 30 days after
23 ~~such the~~ judgment ~~shall have become~~ becomes final ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a reasonable ground for the
24 cancellation of a certificate of self-insurance."

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