

HOUSE BILL NO. 93
INTRODUCED BY LAWSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ADOPT RULES ALLOWING FOR THE EARLY REREGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE 180 DAYS BEFORE THE ANNIVERSARY DATE; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-3-315, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 61-3-315, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-315. Reregistration on anniversary date -- ~~early reregistration~~ -- department to make rules -- EARLY REREGISTRATION. (1) A vehicle that has been registered for any of the periods designated in 61-3-314 must be reregistered for the same period on or before the anniversary date of the initial registration unless that period is changed as provided in subsections (2) and ~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ (4). The anniversary date for reregistration is the last day of the month for the designated registration period.

(2) (a) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to the provisions of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 and subject to the registration fee, as provided in 61-3-560 and 61-3-561, may register the motor vehicle for a period not to exceed 24 months. The registration expires on the last day of the 24th month commencing from the date of the designated registration period under 61-3-314 for which the vehicle is registered.

(b) The owner of a motor vehicle 11 years old or older subject to the provisions of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 and subject to the registration fee, as provided in 61-3-560 and 61-3-561, may permanently register the motor vehicle as provided in 61-3-562. The registration remains in effect until ownership of the vehicle is transferred to another person by the registered owner.

~~_____ (3) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to the provisions of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 and subject to the registration fee, as provided in 61-3-560 and 61-3-561, may reregister the motor vehicle within 180 days prior to the anniversary date.~~

~~(3)~~ ~~(4)~~ (3) The department shall adopt rules for the implementation and administration of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 and for the identification of the registration on the vehicles. THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST ALSO ALLOW EARLY REREGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 61-3-313 THROUGH 61-3-316 AND SUBJECT TO THE REGISTRATION FEE AS PROVIDED IN 61-3-560 AND 61-3-561 WHEN AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE PRESENTS EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

~~(4)(5)(4)~~ The department shall provide for simultaneous registration of multiple vehicles that have common ownership. The rules must provide for a change of the registration period to coincide with the date an owner desires to register the vehicles."

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