

HOUSE BILL NO. 458

INTRODUCED BY MUSGROVE, HANSEN, RIPLEY, TESTER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "~~AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ISSUE A DECAL BEARING THE SYMBOL OF A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY TO A QUALIFYING PERSON WHO COMBINES TO COMBINE THE APPLICATION FOR THE DECAL WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE PLATE BEARING THE SYMBOL OF A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY; PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT PRESCRIBE WHERE THE DECAL MUST BE AFFIXED ON THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; COORDINATING SPECIAL PARKING PERMIT LAWS WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A DECAL; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 49-4-301, 49-4-302, 49-4-304, 61-3-332, AND 61-3-426 AND AMENDING SECTION 61-3-479, MCA.~~"

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

(Refer to Introduced Bill)

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 61-3-479, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-479. (Temporary) Special certificate of registration and issuance of generic specialty license plates -- qualifications. (1) The department shall issue a special certificate of registration and generic specialty license plates to a person who applies if the person presents written certification, in a form prescribed by the department, from the sponsoring organization indicating that the person is eligible to receive the generic specialty license plates.

(2) If the sponsor is a governmental body that has a written agreement with the county treasurer pursuant to 61-3-480, the department shall issue a special certificate of registration and generic specialty license plates to an eligible person who applies if the person pays the donation specified by the governmental body to the county treasurer at the time of application.

(3) A special certificate of registration and generic specialty license plates may be issued only for a light vehicle.

(4) The department may issue a special certificate of registration and generic specialty license plates to joint owners of a motor vehicle if one of the owners is determined by the sponsor to be eligible and if the eligible owner's name appears on the vehicle's special certificate of registration.

(5) (a) Except as provided in 61-3-472 through 61-3-481, a person who receives a special certificate of registration and generic specialty license plates is subject to the same rules and laws as those that govern number plates.

(b) Except as provided in 61-3-472 through 61-3-481, the department is subject to the same rules and laws as govern the issuance of number plates.

(c) Generic specialty license plates issued under 61-3-472 through 61-3-481 are not subject to the maximum 4-year limitation provided in 61-3-332(3)(a).

(6) A person may combine an application for a generic specialty license plate with an application for a license plate with a design bearing a representation of a wheelchair as the symbol of a person with a disability as provided in 61-3-332(10)(g). (Terminates June 30, 2005--sec. 21, Ch. 402, L. 2001.)"

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