

HOUSE BILL NO. 556
INTRODUCED BY GALLIK, COONEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES THAT ARE REGISTERED IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THEM TO DISPLAY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR LICENSE PLATES; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ADOPT RULES THAT PROVIDE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR MOTOR HOMES THAT DISPLAY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR LICENSE PLATES; ~~AND~~ AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-313 AND 61-3-526, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 61-3-313, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-313. Vehicles subject to staggered registration. For purposes of 61-3-313 through 61-3-316, "vehicle" means a motor vehicle, as defined in 61-1-102, that is subject to annual registration in this state except:

- (1) vehicles owned or leased and operated by the government of the United States or by the state of Montana or a political subdivision of the state;
- (2) mobile homes and motor homes;
- (3) vehicles that are registered in accordance with or subject to 61-3-332(10)(c)(i)(A); or 61-3-411; ~~or 61-3-421;~~
- (4) trucks exceeding a 1-ton rated capacity;
- (5) trailers, semitrailers, tractors, buses, motorcycles, quadricycles, and motor-driven cycles;
- (6) special mobile equipment as defined in 61-1-104;
- (7) motor vehicles registered as part of a fleet under 61-3-318; and
- (8) apportionable vehicles registered as part of a fleet, as defined in 61-3-712, that is subject to the provisions of 61-3-711 through 61-3-733."

Section 2. Section 61-3-526, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-3-526. Registration of motor homes and travel trailers -- reregistration by mail allowed. (1) ~~All~~ Except for a motor home displaying amateur radio operator license plates as provided in 61-3-421, all registrations of motor homes and travel trailers expire annually on April 30. Application for registration or

reregistration must be made to the county treasurer not later than June 15. Reregistration may be made by mail in the manner provided in 61-3-535. If the ownership of a motor home or travel trailer is transferred during the registration year, it must be reregistered and relicensed as provided by statute.

(2) The owner of a motor home or travel trailer registered under the provisions of this section is entitled to operate ~~such the~~ vehicle between May 1 and June 15 without displaying the registration certificate of the current registration year if the owner, during that period, displays upon the motor home or travel trailer the number plates, plate, or decal assigned ~~thereto~~ to the motor home or travel trailer for the previous registration year.

(3) The department shall adopt rules to assign a registration period for motor homes that display amateur radio operator license plates."

NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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