

HOUSE BILL NO. 602
INTRODUCED BY K. GALVIN-HALCRO

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN STATE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM MOTOR POOL VEHICLES; REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT OF A LEASING PREFERENCE GUIDELINE THAT ENCOURAGES COST-EFFICIENCY AND APPROPRIATE USE; REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE PREFERENCE GUIDELINE TO BE SUBMITTED TO AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Moratorium on vehicle purchases -- leasing guideline.** (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), the department of transportation may not purchase for the state motor pool, pursuant to 2-17-411, any vehicle between July 1, 2003, and July 1, 2005.

(b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to purchases of heavy-duty equipment.

(2) (a) Prior to June 1, 2004, the office of budget and program planning, in conjunction with the motor vehicle pool, shall devise for use by state agencies a leasing preference guideline for light vehicles, as defined in 61-1-139. The guideline is intended to encourage appropriate, cost-effective use of light vehicles. Factors to be addressed include multiple occupant use versus single occupant use, weather conditions at the time of use, and vehicle destination.

(b) The leasing preference guideline must be submitted for review to the appropriate legislative interim committee by July 1, 2004.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) apply to the motor pools of the Montana university system. The board of regents may exempt a purchase on a case-by-case basis.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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