

HOUSE BILL NO. 422  
INTRODUCED BY J. COHENOUR

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A PERSON WHO HAS HAD THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR DRIVING PRIVILEGE SUSPENDED FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO COMPLETE A DRIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAM; DISCONTINUING THE DISCOUNT ON LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEES FOR PERSONS COMPLETING DRIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAMS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-5-219, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 61-5-219, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-5-219. ~~Discount on license reinstatement fee -- completion~~ Completion of driver rehabilitation program required for reinstatement of driver's license or driving privilege.** (1) A person ~~who~~ whose driver's license or driving privilege was suspended or revoked under 61-5-205 or 61-8-402 may not have the person's driver's license or driving privilege reinstated until the person completes ~~submits a certificate of completion from a department-approved driver rehabilitation program. Completion means receiving a passing grade from the instructor in the core areas of the class. A person who attends all assigned classes but does not receive a passing grade may not receive a certificate of completion provided for in subsection (2)(c) must receive a 50% reduction on the license reinstatement fee due under 61-2-107 or 61-5-218.~~

(2) For purposes of this section, a driver rehabilitation program may be approved by the department if the program provider annually certifies to the department that the provider's program:

- (a) provides a participant with a minimum of 4 hours of instruction on Montana driving laws, the importance of positive driving attitudes and habits, defensive driving techniques, and the responsible use of drugs and alcohol;
- (b) includes preinstruction and postinstruction testing of each participant;
- (c) provides a certificate of completion to each person who successfully completes the program; and
- (d) reports to the department, in a timely manner, the name, date of birth, and driver's license number of each person to whom the provider has issued a certificate of completion."

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