



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS RELATED TO THE USE OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS IN THE PROCESSING OF VEHICLE TITLES, REGISTRATION, AND LICENSING; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-116, 61-3-205, 61-3-211, 61-3-225, 61-3-303, 61-3-311, 61-3-331, 61-3-338, 61-3-414, 61-3-415, 61-3-465, 61-3-467, 61-3-480, 61-4-111, 61-4-112, AND 61-11-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1.** Section 61-3-116, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-116. Services that may be performed by authorized agent.** (1) The department may authorize a person to perform, on the department's behalf, specific motor vehicle titling, registration, or driver licensing functions assigned to or administered by the department under this title. The authorization must be evidenced by an authorized agent agreement.

(2) An authorized agent must meet all of the requirements established by the department.

(3) An authorized agent shall, within the time period prescribed in the authorized agent agreement, submit to the department or its designee all statutorily prescribed fees, taxes, or penalties the authorized agent collects.

(4) (a) Except when specifically prohibited by statute or the authorized agent agreement, in addition to statutorily prescribed fees, taxes, and penalties, an authorized agent may collect and retain a reasonable convenience fee for services provided.

(b) If an authorized agent is a municipal or county officer, the convenience fee may be charged and collected as permitted under 7-5-2133 or 7-5-4125.

(5) The department may provide an automated mechanism to ensure that any statutorily prescribed fee, tax, or penalty collected by an authorized agent or a county treasurer in a county other than the county where the owner of the vehicle is domiciled is transferred to the county treasurer of the county where the owner of a vehicle is domiciled."

**Section 2.** Section 61-3-205, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-205. Transfer of ownership of vehicles by insurance company.** (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2), an insurance company or its adjuster that has taken possession of a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, camper, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, or snowmobile as a result of settling an insurance claim and that transfers ownership of the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, camper, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, or snowmobile shall deliver to the transferee at the time of transfer a certificate of title signed and acknowledged by the registered owner or owners before the county treasurer, a deputy county treasurer, an authorized agent, or a notary public.

(b) If the certificate of title names one or more holders of a perfected security interest in the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, camper, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, or snowmobile, the insurance company or its adjuster shall also secure and deliver to the transferee a release from the secured party of the security interest.

(2) (a) The registered owner or owners may use an electronic signature pursuant to Title 30, chapter 18, part 1, on the certificate of title or on a limited power of attorney to assign ownership of a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, camper, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, or snowmobile. The department may prescribe the form of the limited power of attorney to be used for this purpose. A certificate of title transferred with an electronic signature does not require acknowledgment by the county treasurer, a deputy county treasurer, an authorized agent, or a notary public. A power of attorney executed under authority of this subsection (2)(a) does not require notarization.

(b) A secured party may release a perfected security interest in a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, camper, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, or snowmobile under this section by electronic signature pursuant to Title 30, chapter 18, part 1."

**Section 3.** Section 61-3-211, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-211. Surrender of certificate of title -- issuance of salvage certificate -- salvage retitling requirements.** (1) An insurer acquiring ownership of a motor vehicle that is less than 15 years of age and that the insurer determines to be a salvage vehicle shall surrender the certificate of title to the department within 15 days after acquiring the certificate of title. If the insurer has not sold the salvage vehicle prior to the time of

surrendering the certificate of title, the insurer shall apply for a salvage certificate on a form prescribed by the department. If the certificate of title names one or more holders of a perfected security interest in the motor vehicle, the insurer shall secure and deliver to the department or an authorized agent a release from each secured party of the secured interest.

(2) Upon receipt of a properly executed certificate of title and a salvage certificate application from an insurer, the department shall issue a salvage certificate to the insurer within 5 working days of the date of receipt of the application. Upon receipt of a salvage certificate issued by the department, an insurer may possess, retain, transport, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the salvage vehicle. The salvage certificate is prima facie evidence of ownership of a salvage vehicle.

(3) If the insurer sells a salvage vehicle within the 15-day period established in subsection (1) prior to surrendering the certificate of title, the insurer shall complete a salvage receipt on a form prescribed by the department. The insurer shall deliver the original salvage receipt to the salvage vehicle purchaser only after obtaining a clear title and lien release. Prior to disposing of the salvage vehicle, the salvage vehicle purchaser shall apply for a salvage certificate by completing the salvage receipt and submitting it to the department or an authorized agent. The insurer shall deliver a copy of the salvage receipt with the surrendered certificate of title to the department or an authorized agent. Upon receipt of the certificate of title from the insurer and the application from the salvage vehicle purchaser, the department shall issue a salvage certificate to the salvage vehicle purchaser that is prima facie evidence of ownership.

(4) If an insurer determines that a salvage vehicle will remain with the owner after an agreed settlement, the insurer shall notify the department or an authorized agent of the settlement on a form prescribed by the department. Upon receipt of the notice, the department may require the owner to surrender the certificate of title in compliance with this part, regardless of whether ownership of the salvage vehicle was obtained in a jurisdiction not requiring the surrender of the certificate of title or a comparable ownership document.

(5) At the time of surrender of a certificate of title for a salvage vehicle not acquired by an insurer, the department shall issue a salvage certificate to the owner. Upon receipt of a salvage certificate issued by the department to a noninsurer, the owner may possess, retain, transport, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the salvage vehicle. A salvage certificate is prima facie evidence of ownership of a salvage vehicle.

(6) A fee of \$5 must be paid to the department for the issuance of a salvage certificate.

(7) A salvage vehicle owned by or in the inventory of a motor vehicle wrecking facility on October 1,

1991, is exempt from the provisions of this section if the owner of the facility has complied with the provisions of 61-3-225."

**Section 4.** Section 61-3-225, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-225. Motor vehicle wrecking facility quarterly reports.** Quarterly, the owner or operator of a motor vehicle wrecking facility, as defined in 75-10-501, shall ~~mail~~ deliver to the department or an authorized agent, on a form approved by the department, a list of all junk vehicles, as defined in 75-10-501, received by the owner or operator of the motor vehicle wrecking facility during the quarter, stating the year, make, and complete identification number of each vehicle. If the owner or operator of a motor vehicle wrecking facility received a certificate of title when the owner or operator of the facility received a junk vehicle on the list, that certificate of title must accompany the list. The department shall issue a receipt for the certificate of title if requested by the owner or operator of the facility, and the receipt may serve as an instrument for reclaiming the certificate of title if the vehicle is rebuilt."

**Section 5.** Section 61-3-303, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-303. Original registration -- process -- fees.** (1) Except as provided in 61-3-324, a Montana resident who owns a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer operated or driven upon the public highways of this state shall register the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer ~~in the office of the county treasurer~~ in the county where the owner is domiciled.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (11), the county treasurer or an authorized agent shall register any vehicle for which:

(a) as of the date that the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is to be registered, the owner delivers an application for a certificate of title to the department, ~~its~~ an authorized agent, or a county treasurer;  
or

(b) the county treasurer or an authorized agent confirms that the department has an electronic record of title for the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer as provided under 61-3-101.

(3) (a) A county treasurer or an authorized agent may register a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer for which a certificate of title and registration were issued in another jurisdiction and for which registration is required under 61-3-701 after the county treasurer or the authorized agent examines the current

out-of-jurisdiction registration certificate or receipt and receives payment of the fees required in 61-3-701. The county treasurer or an authorized agent may ask the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer owner to provide additional information, prescribed by the department, to ensure that the electronic record of registration maintained by the department is complete.

(b) A county treasurer or an authorized agent may register a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer for which the new owner cannot, due to circumstances beyond the new owner's control, surrender a previously assigned certificate of title. The new owner may submit an application for certificate of title, subject to the registration renewal limitations of 61-3-312.

(4) Upon registering a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer for the first time in this state, the county treasurer or an authorized agent shall:

(a) update the electronic record of title, if any, maintained for the vehicle by the department under 61-3-101;

(b) assign a registration period for the vehicle under 61-3-311;

(c) determine the vehicle's age, if required, under 61-3-501;

(d) determine the amount of fees, including local option taxes or fees, to be paid under subsection (5);

and

(e) assign and issue license plates for the vehicle under 61-3-331.

(5) Unless otherwise provided by law, a person registering a motor vehicle shall pay to the county treasurer or an authorized agent:

(a) the fees in lieu of tax or registration fees as required for:

(i) a light vehicle under 61-3-321 or 61-3-562, in addition to, if applicable, any local option tax or fee under 61-3-537 or 61-3-570;

(ii) a motor home under 61-3-321;

(iii) a travel trailer under 61-3-321;

(iv) a motorcycle or quadricycle under 61-3-321;

(v) a bus, a truck having a manufacturer's rated capacity of more than 1 ton, or a truck tractor under 61-3-321 and 61-3-529; or

(vi) a trailer under 61-3-321;

(b) a donation of \$1 or more if the person indicates that the person wishes to donate to promote

awareness and education efforts for procurement of organ and tissue donations in Montana to favorably impact anatomical gifts; and

(c) a donation of \$1 or more if the person indicates that the person wishes to donate to promote education on, support for, and awareness of traumatic brain injury.

(6) The county treasurer or an authorized agent may not issue a registration receipt or license plates for the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer to the owner unless the owner makes the payments required by subsection (5).

(7) The department may make full and complete investigation of the registration status of the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer. A person seeking to register a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer under this section shall provide additional information to support the registration to the department if requested.

(8) Revenue that accrues from the voluntary donation provided in subsection (5)(b) must be forwarded by the respective county treasurer or an authorized agent to the department for deposit in the state special revenue fund to the credit of an account established by the department of public health and human services to support activities related to awareness and education efforts for procurement of organ and tissue donations for anatomical gifts.

(9) (a) Except as provided in subsection (9)(b), the fees in lieu of tax, taxes, and fees imposed on or collected from the registration of a travel trailer, motorcycle, or quadricycle or a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer that has a declared weight of less than 26,000 pounds are required to be paid only once during the time that the travel trailer, motorcycle, quadricycle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is owned by the same person who registered the travel trailer, motorcycle, quadricycle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer. Once registered, a travel trailer, motorcycle, quadricycle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is registered permanently unless ownership is transferred.

(b) Whenever ownership of a travel trailer, motorcycle, quadricycle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is transferred, the new owner is required to register the travel trailer, motorcycle, quadricycle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer as if it were being registered for the first time, including paying all of the required fees in lieu of tax, taxes, and fees.

(10) Revenue that accrues from the voluntary donation provided in subsection (5)(c) must be forwarded by the respective county treasurer or an authorized agent to the department for deposit in the state special

revenue fund to the credit of the account established in 2-15-2218 to support activities related to education regarding prevention of traumatic brain injury.

(11) ~~Beginning January 1, 2013, the~~ The county treasurer or an authorized agent shall use the online motor vehicle liability insurance verification system provided in 61-6-157 to verify that the vehicle owner has complied with the requirements of 61-6-301."

**Section 6.** Section 61-3-311, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-311. Registration -- time periods.** (1) Unless a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is subject to permanent registration under this title and except as provided in 61-3-313, 61-3-701, 61-3-721, and subsection (3) of this section, the department, an authorized agent, or a county treasurer shall, upon original registration of a motor vehicle in this state, assign each motor vehicle to a registration period, as provided in 61-3-316, based upon the calendar month in which the motor vehicle is first registered in this state and designate the calendar year in which the current registration will expire.

(2) Each registration period commences on the first day of the calendar month in the calendar year in which the motor vehicle is registered and the motor vehicle's registration expires on the earlier of:

(a) the last day of the month preceding the anniversary of the registration period for the year designated on the motor vehicle's registration decal if the motor vehicle is registered for a minimum 12-month period;

(b) the last day of the month preceding the anniversary of the registration period for the year designated on the motor vehicle's registration decal if the motor vehicle is registered for a period of at least 13 but less than 25 months; or

(c) the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer to another person.

(3) (a) Upon request of the motor vehicle owner, a county treasurer or an authorized agent may assign a motor vehicle to a registration period, as provided in 61-3-316, other than a registration period beginning in the calendar month in which the motor vehicle is first registered in this state if at least 13 but less than 25 months will elapse between the first day of the calendar month in which the motor vehicle is registered and the last day of the month preceding the anniversary of the requested registration period in the year designated on the motor vehicle's registration decal.

(b) The county treasurer or an authorized agent shall determine fees imposed for a motor vehicle registered for a period between 13 and 24 months. All registration fees, fees in lieu of tax, or local option taxes

or fees that are imposed on an annual basis must be prorated based on the number of months in the requested registration period.

(c) A motor vehicle registered under the provisions of 61-3-303(3)(b) may not be registered under this subsection (3).

(4) If a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is permanently registered under the provisions of this chapter, the registration is not subject to expiration unless the registered owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer transfers ownership of the vehicle to another person."

**Section 7.** Section 61-3-331, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-331. Assignment of license plates.** The county treasurer or an authorized agent shall, at the time of issuing a registration receipt under 61-3-322, assign the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer a distinctive license plate number and, unless the license plates must be specially ordered from the department, deliver to the applicant, depending on the type of motor vehicle that was registered, a set of two license plates or one license plate, each of which must bear the assigned distinctive number."

**Section 8.** Section 61-3-338, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-338. Contract for manufacture and distribution of license plates.** (1) The department shall contract with Montana correctional enterprises for the manufacture, inventory control, storage, and distribution of all license plates issued under this chapter.

(2) The contract must include provisions for payment to Montana correctional enterprises after license plates are shipped to the department, the office of a county treasurer, an authorized agent, or a vehicle owner, as directed by the department or at the request of a vehicle owner.

(3) The contract must require Montana correctional enterprises to provide the necessary interface to support the automated ordering of license plates by the department or as directed by the department and to acquire and use readability software to assess any new plate design or manufactured plate and, if requested by the department, any previously issued license plates."

**Section 9.** Section 61-3-414, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-414. Special motorcycle license plates for military personnel, veterans, and spouses --**



**department to design -- fees -- disposition.** (1) The department shall design and issue motorcycle license plates for all special military and veteran license plates provided for in 61-3-458(2)(d) and (3).

(2) A person requesting a special military or veteran motorcycle license plate under this section:

(a) is subject to the eligibility requirements for the license plate as provided in 61-3-458; and

(b) shall pay to the county treasurer or an authorized agent:

(i) an administrative fee of \$5 upon issuance of the motorcycle license plate, to be deposited in the county general fund;

(ii) a \$5 license plate fee, to be deposited in the state general fund; and

(iii) a \$10 veterans' cemetery fee, to be deposited as provided in 61-3-459(2).

(3) Upon request, after paying the fees imposed under subsection (2)(b) and any applicable vehicle registration fees under this chapter, the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran, if the spouse has not remarried, may retain the special license plates issued to the deceased veteran, subject to the eligibility requirements for the plate as provided in 61-3-458(4)."

**Section 10.** Section 61-3-415, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-415. Special motorcycle license plates -- department to design -- fees -- distribution.** (1) A Montana resident who is the owner of a motorcycle or quadricycle titled and registered under this chapter and who pays the fee required under subsection (2) may be issued a special motorcycle license plate bearing a design created by the department. The design must recognize the efforts of one or more Montana-based nonprofit organizations that grant wishes to chronically or critically ill Montana children.

(2) A person requesting a special motorcycle license plate under this section shall pay to the county treasurer or an authorized agent:

(a) an administrative fee of \$5 upon issuance of the special license plate, to be deposited in the county general fund;

(b) a \$5 license plate fee; and

(c) a donation fee of \$20.

(3) The county treasurer or an authorized agent shall remit the fees required in subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c) to the department. For each special plate issued, the department shall deposit \$5 in the state general fund and \$20 in an account in the state special revenue fund to be used by the department as provided in subsection

(4).

(4) The department shall use the money deposited in the account in the state special revenue fund as provided in subsection (3) to provide grants, using criteria established by the department, to Montana-based nonprofit organizations that grant wishes to Montana children who are chronically or critically ill.

(5) The department shall adopt rules to identify the entity or entities that may qualify for grants under this section and to establish the criteria that an entity must meet to receive grant funds.

(6) The account in the state special revenue fund provided for in subsection (3) is statutorily appropriated to the department, as provided in 17-7-502."

**Section 11.** Section 61-3-465, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-465. Issuance -- application -- additional fee -- disposition.** (1) The department shall issue or renew collegiate license plates upon receipt of an application that shows:

(a) compliance with 61-3-303, 61-3-311, and 61-3-312; and

(b) payment to the county treasurer or an authorized agent of:

(i) an initial application and manufacturing fee of \$10, when required; and

(ii) an annual scholarship donation of \$30 for the benefit of the institution named in the application.

(2) Once each month, the county treasurer shall, as provided in 15-1-504, transfer to the state the total of the amounts collected for:

(a) the initial application and manufacturing fee for deposit in the state general fund; and

(b) scholarship donations provided for in subsection (1)(b)(ii), along with a schedule showing the number of collegiate license plates issued and the total donations received for the benefit of each institution.

(3) Once each month, an amount equal to the total donations credited to that institution and transferred to the state by the county treasurers during the preceding month must be distributed to the student academic scholarship fund or foundation of each institution.

(4) The amount of \$8 of the fee imposed in subsection (1)(b)(i) must be deposited in the account established in 61-6-158, and \$2 of the fee must be deposited in the state general fund."

**Section 12.** Section 61-3-467, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-467. Authorization to receive and transmit donations.** As provided in 61-3-465 and

notwithstanding any other provisions of Title 7, Title 17, or this title:

(1) the county treasurer or an authorized agent must receive the annual scholarship donations provided for in 61-3-465 and ~~once each month transmit, as provided in 15-1-504, those donations to the state~~ transmit the donations to the state as provided in 15-1-504 or 61-3-116; and

(2) the appropriate agency shall accept the annual scholarship donations and once each month distribute the accumulated proceeds to the beneficiary institutions specified by and according to the totals contained in the county treasurers' and authorized agents' reports."

**Section 13.** Section 61-3-480, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-480. Fees for generic specialty license plates -- disposition.** (1) In addition to the other fees and taxes imposed by law, an eligible person who applies for a generic specialty license plate shall pay an administrative fee of \$20 and, except as provided in 61-3-479(1)(b), the donation fee specified by the sponsor.

(2) The county treasurer or an authorized agent shall, upon receipt of the fees:

(a) deposit \$5 of the \$20 administrative fee in the county general fund;

(b) notwithstanding any other provisions of Title 7, Title 17, or this title and unless otherwise provided in 61-3-479(1)(b), accept the donation fee paid by the plate purchaser; and

(c) as provided in 15-1-504, once each month, transmit to the state for distribution:

(i) \$10 of the \$20 administrative fee for deposit in the account provided in 61-6-158;

(ii) \$5 of the administrative fee to the state general fund; and

(iii) all donation fees provided for in subsections (1) and (3), along with a schedule showing the number and type of generic specialty license plates issued and total donations received for the benefit of each sponsor of a generic specialty license plate issued or renewed, to each respective sponsor.

(3) If the donation fee is required by a sponsor upon renewal of generic specialty license plates, the fee must be paid to the county treasurer or an authorized agent upon renewal of registration and transmitted to the state as prescribed in subsection (2).

(4) Once each month, the state shall distribute to the generic specialty license plate liaison designated by a sponsor under 61-3-475(1)(c) or 61-3-476(1)(c) an amount equal to the total donations credited to that sponsor and transferred to the department of revenue by the county treasurers during the preceding month."

**Section 14.** Section 61-4-111, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-4-111. Used vehicles -- transfer to and from dealers.** (1) Except as provided in 61-4-124(6), a dealer or wholesaler who intends to resell a used motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer and who operates the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer only for demonstration purposes:

(a) is exempt from registration under 23-2-515, 23-2-616, 23-2-804, or 61-3-302(3) when applying for a certificate of title; and

(b) may transfer or receive ownership of a motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer by use of a dealer reassignment section on a certificate of title. However, when the allotted number of dealer reassignment sections on a certificate of title has been completed, ownership of the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer may not be transferred until an application for a certificate of title has been submitted by the dealer or an authorized agent to an authorized agent or the department and a new certificate of title has been issued.

(2) Upon the transfer of a used motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer to a person other than a dealer or wholesaler, a temporary registration permit may be issued under 61-3-224 to the person to whom the used motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer was transferred if the dealer is an authorized agent, as defined in 61-1-101. In addition, the following acts are required of the dealer on or before the times set forth in this subsection:

(a) Within 30 calendar days following the date of delivery of the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer, the dealer shall forward to an authorized agent or to the county treasurer of the county where the owner of the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer is domiciled:

(i) the assigned certificate of title or, if a certificate of title for the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer has not been issued in this state, a copy of the then-current registration receipt or certificate in the dealer's possession; and

(ii) an application for a certificate of title executed by the new owner in accordance with the provisions of 61-3-216 and 61-3-220.

(b) Transmission of the documents by the dealer to the county treasurer or an authorized agent may be accomplished either by personal delivery, by first-class mail, or by electronic means, as authorized by the department.

(c) If the dealer is unable to forward the certificate of title or, if applicable, registration receipt within the time set forth in subsection (2)(a) because the certificate of title is lost, is in the possession of third parties, or is

in the process of reissuance in this state or elsewhere, the dealer shall comply in all other respects with the provisions of subsection (2)(a) and shall forward the missing document or documents to the county treasurer; ~~either personally or by first-class mail, or an authorized agent~~ within 3 days after receipt.

(3) Upon compliance by the dealer with the requirements in this section, title to the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer is considered to have passed to the purchaser as of the date of the delivery of the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer to the purchaser by the dealer, and the dealer has no further liability or responsibility with respect to the processing of registration."

**Section 15.** Section 61-4-112, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-4-112. New motor vehicles -- transfers by dealers.** (1) When a dealer transfers a new motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer to a purchaser or other recipient, the dealer shall, within 30 calendar days following the date of delivery of the new motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer forward to an authorized agent or the county treasurer of the county where the owner of the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer is domiciled:

(a) an application for a certificate of title with a notice of security interest, if any, executed by the purchaser or recipient; and

(b) a manufacturer's certificate of origin that shows that the motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer has not previously been registered or owned, except as otherwise provided in this section, by any person other than a dealer holding a franchise or distribution agreement from the manufacturer, distributor, or importer of the new motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer.

(2) If the dealer is an authorized agent, ~~as defined in 61-1-101,~~ a temporary registration permit may be issued under 61-3-224 to the person to whom the new motor vehicle, power sports vehicle, or trailer was transferred."

**Section 16.** Section 61-11-105, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-11-105. Release of information -- fees.** (1) Subject to the limitations of this section, the department shall, upon request, furnish a person the individual Montana driving record of a driver or licensee, containing the following data:

(a) the driver's or licensee's name, driver's license number, and date of birth;

(b) driver's license status, including the license type and any endorsements, the license issue date, license restrictions, any suspensions, revocations, or cancellations that have been imposed against the driver or licensee, and the license expiration date;

(c) convictions of the driver or licensee; and

(d) traffic accidents in which the driver or licensee was involved.

(2) The department may not enter into any agreement to disclose or sell, in bulk, any data contained in an individual Montana driving record unless the requester of the information provides the department with the names, driver's license numbers, and dates of birth of the drivers or licensees from whose records a change in license status or conviction activity is to be reported.

(3) (a) The department may not disclose personal information or highly restricted personal information from an individual Montana driving record, except as permitted or required under 61-11-507, 61-11-508, or 61-11-509.

(b) The department may not disclose medical certification status, driver self-certification status, or medical certificate information from a CDLIS driver record as part of an individual Montana driving record except as expressly authorized under 49 CFR 384.225.

(4) Information relating to a traffic accident that did not involve a conviction, as defined in 61-11-203, may not be released by the department unless the release is requested or approved by a party involved in the accident or is required by court order or a duly executed subpoena.

(5) (a) Subject to the requirements of subsection (6) and except as provided in subsection (5)(b), a fee of \$4 must be paid for each individual Montana driving record requested. A fee of \$10 must be paid if a certified Montana record, as provided in 61-11-102(7), is requested. A fee of 6 cents must be paid for each individual Montana driving record that is searched by the department to report to a requester a change in license status or conviction activity from one or more individual Montana driving records.

(b) An individual Montana driving record must be provided without charge to any criminal justice agency, as defined in 44-5-103, or other state or federal agency.

(6) In addition to the fees required in 61-11-510(3) and subsection (5) of this section, an individual Montana driving record or any report compiled from one or more individual Montana driving records that are electronically transmitted to a requester by an authorized agent as provided in 61-3-116 or through a point of entry for electronic government services are subject to the convenience fee ~~established under~~ provided for in

2-17-1103 or 61-3-116.

(7) The department may require a requester, other than a federal, state, or local government agency, seeking one or more individual Montana driving records or any data otherwise contained in one or more individual Montana driving records in electronic format to use an authorized agent as provided in 61-3-116 or a point of entry for electronic government services to obtain the record or data."

**Section 17. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 0319, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.



SENATE BILL NO. 319

INTRODUCED BY SONJU, ARNTZEN, HOLLENBAUGH, LAVIN

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