

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 414

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A LICENSE PLATE BE  
5 ISSUED UPON REGISTRATION OF AN OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLE USED IN GAINFUL OCCUPATION IN  
6 MONTANA; AMENDING SECTION 61-3-701, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 61-3-701, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"61-3-701. Out-of-state vehicles used in gainful occupation to be registered -- reciprocity.** (1) A  
12 person may not operate a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer that is registered in another jurisdiction  
13 on the highways of this state if the vehicle is used for hire, compensation, or profit or if the person is engaged in  
14 gainful occupation or business enterprise in the state, including highway work, unless the motor vehicle, trailer,  
15 semitrailer, or pole trailer is registered at the office of a county treasurer or an authorized agent of the department.  
16 Upon satisfactory evidence of ownership submitted to the county treasurer or the department's authorized agent  
17 and the payment of fees in lieu of taxes or registration fees, if appropriate, as required by 61-3-321, 61-3-529,  
18 or 61-3-537, the treasurer or authorized agent shall enter the vehicle for registration purposes only on the  
19 electronic registry maintained by the department under 61-3-101. One-fourth of the annual fees or taxes due on  
20 the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer subject to registration under this section must be paid for each  
21 calendar quarter or portion of a calendar quarter for the year that the vehicle will be located or operated in  
22 Montana.

23 (2) Upon payment of the fees or taxes, the treasurer or the department's authorized agent shall issue  
24 to the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer a registration receipt, ~~license plates~~, and a  
25 registration decal indicating the calendar quarter and year for which the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole  
26 trailer is registered. The ~~license plates, with attached~~ registration decal, must at all times be displayed upon the  
27 motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer when operated or driven upon roads and highways of this state  
28 during the registration period indicated on the receipt.

29 (3) The registration receipt does not constitute evidence of ownership but may be used only for  
30 registration purposes. A Montana certificate of title may not be issued for a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or

1 pole trailer registered under this section.

2 (4) This section is not applicable to a motor vehicle covered by a valid and existing reciprocal agreement  
3 or declaration entered into under Montana law."

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2016.

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