1	HOUSE BILL NO. 333
2	INTRODUCED BY G. OBLANDER, S. GIST, N. NICOL, T. SMITH
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MOTORIZED RECREATION LAWS;
5	REQUIRING A TRAIL PASS APPLICANT'S STREET ADDRESS; INCREASING FINES FOR NOT
6	FOLLOWING TRAIL PASS LAWS; PROVIDING THAT HALF PORTIONS OF FINES ARE TO BE DEPOSITED
7	IN THE SUMMER MOTORIZED TRAIL RECREATION ACCOUNT; REVISING FEES FOR CERTAIN
8	TRAILERS AND BOATS; INCREASING CERTAIN LICENSE PLATE FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 23-2-111,
9	23-2-112, <u>23-2-113,</u> 23-2-636, <u>AND</u> 23-2-814, AND 61-3-321, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED
10	EFFECTIVE DATE."
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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14	Section 1. Section 23-2-111, MCA, is amended to read:
15	"23-2-111. Summer motorized recreation trail pass for residents fees penalties. (1) Except
16	as provided in subsection (5) of this section, motorized equipment registered in Montana pursuant to 61-3-321
17	may not be operated on a summer motorized recreation trail unless a summer motorized recreation trail pass is
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	affixed in a conspicuous place to the motorized equipment.
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1	ANY OTHER PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE APPLICANT'S PHONE NUM	/IBER,
2	MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC BUT MAY BE USED BY OTHER STATE AGENCIES OR THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FO	R
3	THE SOLE PURPOSE OF GATHERING INFORMATION FOR USER STUDIES THAT INCLUDE USAGE CRITERIA, TRENDS, AND	<u>)</u>
4	<u>GROWTH</u> .	
5	(5) A person renting motorized equipment registered pursuant to 61-3-321 is not required to	
6	purchase a trail pass but shall carry proof of rental if operating the motorized equipment on a summer	
7	motorized recreation trail.	
8	(6) Money collected by payment of fees under this section must be used as follows:	
9	(a) \$2 must be remitted to the vendor who sold the trail pass if the vendor is not the departmer	nt;
10	and	
11	(b) the remainder must be deposited in the summer motorized recreation trail account establis	hed
12	in 23-2-112.	
13	(7) The failure to affix the trail pass as required by this section or the making of false statemen	ts in
14	obtaining the trail pass is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 <u>\$40</u> or more than \$100	<u>\$60</u> .
15	All fines collected under this section must be transmitted to the department of revenue for deposit of half \$4	<u>0 of</u>
16	EACH \$60 FINE in the state general fund and half-\$20 OF EACH \$60 FINE in the summer motorized recreation	<u>trail</u>
17	account provided for in 23-2-112."	
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19	Section 2. Section 23-2-112, MCA, is amended to read:	
20	"23-2-112. Summer motorized recreation trail account. (1) There is a summer motorized	
21	recreation trail account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.	
22	(2) <u>The following must be deposited in the account:</u>	
23	(A) Pursuant PURSUANT to 23-2-111, AND 23-2-814, half of the revenue collected from the sale	of
24	summer motorized recreation trail passes; AND	
25	(B) PENALTIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO 23-2-111(7) AND 23-2-814(6) and nonresident temporar	⊻-
26	use permits must be deposited in the account and.	
27	(3) FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE ACCOUNT MUST BE used by the department pursuant to 23-2-113 AM	<u>1D</u>
28	23-2-113 and t his subsection (2) (<u>3)</u> :	



1	(a))	up to 5% deposited in the account each year may be used by the department for administrative
2	costs;		
3	(b))	\$1 from each trail pass sold pursuant to 23-2-111 must be granted for mitigation and
4	eradicatior	n of no	oxious weeds along summer motorized recreation trails; and
5	(c))	the remainder must be granted for designation, maintenance, and improvement of summer
6	motorized	recre	ation trails AS PROVIDED IN 23-2-825.
7	(3))(4)	Interest and income earned on the account and any unspent or unencumbered money in the
8	account at	t the e	end of a fiscal year must remain in the account."
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10	SE	ECTION	N 3. SECTION 23-2-113, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:
11	"2	3-2-1 ⁻	13. Summer motorized recreation trail grant program rulemaking. (1) There is a
12	summer m	notoriz	zed recreation trail grant program by which the department may grant funds deposited in the
13	account es	stablis	shed in 23-2-112 to private clubs and organizations for the following purposes:
14	(a))	to mark or sign, maintain, and improve summer motorized recreation trails;
15	(b))	to mitigate and eradicate noxious weeds along summer motorized recreation trails; and
16	(c))	to provide motorized safety and ethics education; and
17	<u>(d</u>))	to acquire various hand tools and chain saws needed to accomplish trail projects. The grantee
18	shall provi	<u>de to</u>	the department on request an itemized list and receipts for all purchases of hand tools and
19	chain saws	<u>s mac</u>	de using grant funds.
20	<u>(2</u>))	Entities receiving a grant may use up to 7% of the funds for administrative costs.
21	(2))(3)	The department may require an applicant to provide a 10% match in cash or donated services
22	to be eligib	ole to	receive a grant.
23	(3))(4)	In utilizing funds pursuant to this section, the department shall consider the recommendations
24	of the off-h	nighwa	ay vehicle advisory committee established pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 206.
25	(4))(5)	After awarding a grant pursuant to this section, the department shall distribute, on request of
26	the grante	<u>e, ma</u>	ke an initial distribution of 50% of the funding to the entity receiving the award with the other
27	50% to be	distri	buted on receipt by the department of expense receipts and proof of completion of the project
28	for which t	he m e	oney is awarded, a distribution of 40% on receipt by the department of expense receipts, and a



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1	distribution of t	he final 10% of the funding on receipt by the department of proof of completion of the project f	or
2	which the mon	ey is awarded.	
3	(5)<u>(6)</u>	The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions of 23-2-110 through 23-2-113.	"
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5	Sectio	n 4. Section 23-2-636, MCA, is amended to read:	
6	"23-2-6	636. Winter trail pass fees penalties. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), to be	
7	eligible to oper	ate a snowmobile or a dog sled or to use motorized equipment or mechanical transport in	
8	snowmobile ar	eas groomed with a grant or funding assistance awarded by the department, a person shall fir	st
9	purchase a wir	nter trail pass for:	
10	(a)	\$20, if the snowmobile or motorized equipment is registered in Montana pursuant to 61-3-32	21
11	or the person o	operating the dog sled or mechanical transport is a resident as determined under 1-1-215. A tr	ail
12	pass purchase	d pursuant to this subsection (1)(a) is valid for up to 2 years from the date of purchase but no	
13	later than June	a 30 of the second year.	
14	(b)	\$35, if the snowmobile or motorized equipment is exempt from registration in Montana pursu	Jant
15	to 61-3-321 or	the person operating the dog sled or mechanical transport is not a resident as determined und	der
16	1-1-215. A trail	pass purchased pursuant to this subsection (1)(b) is valid for up to 1 year from the date of	
17	purchase but n	no later than June 30 of the following year.	
18	(2)	The trail pass must be affixed in a conspicuous place to each snowmobile, dog sled, motoriz	zed
19	equipment, or i	mechanical transport used. A trail pass is not transferable between a snowmobile, dog sled,	
20	motorized equi	ipment, or mechanical transport. If a snowmobile is sold with an affixed trail pass, the trail pass	S
21	may continue t	to be used by the purchaser of the snowmobile until it expires.	
22	(3)	(A) Application for the issuance of the trail pass must be made at locations and on forms	
23	prescribed by t	the department. The FORMS MUST INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND	
24	PERMANENT STR	REET ADDRESS.	
25	<u>(B)</u>	THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND PERMANENT STREET ADDRESS, AS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (3)(A), A	ND
26	ANY OTHER PER	SONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE APPLICANT'S PHONE NUMB	BER,
27	MAY NOT BE MAI	DE PUBLIC BUT MAY BE USED BY OTHER STATE AGENCIES OR THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR	
28	THE SOLE PURP	OSE OF GATHERING INFORMATION FOR USER STUDIES THAT INCLUDE USAGE CRITERIA, TRENDS, AND	
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1	<u>GROWTH.</u>	
2	(4)	The purchase of a trail pass is not required for:
3	(a)	a person renting a snowmobile registered pursuant to 61-3-321(11)(c), but the person shall
4	carry proof of r	ental if operating the snowmobile in a snowmobile area that otherwise requires a trail pass
5	pursuant to sub	bsection (1);
6	(b)	a person participating in a sanctioned dog sled race; or
7	(c)	motorized equipment exempt from registration in Montana pursuant to 61-3-321(14).
8	(5)	Except for 50 cents, which is a search and rescue surcharge deposited pursuant to 87-1-601,
9	money collecte	ed by payment of fees under this section must be deposited in the state special revenue fund to
10	the credit of the	e department and used as follows:
11	(a)	\$2 must be remitted to the vendor who sold the trail pass if the vendor is not the department;
12	(b)	\$1.50 must be used for the enforcement of snowmobile laws pursuant to this part; and
13	(C)	the remainder must be used by the department for the statewide snowmobile trail grooming
14	program.	
15	(6)	The failure to affix the trail pass as required by this section or the making of false statements in
16	obtaining the tr	rail pass is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than <u>\$25-\$40</u> or more than \$100.
17	(7)	To be eligible for a trail pass pursuant to this section, an all-terrain vehicle must have a wheel
18	base of less the	an 50 inches in width and be equipped with tracks instead of wheels while operating on a
19	groomed snow	mobile trail administered by the department.
20	(8)	For the purposes of this section:
21	(a)	"motorized equipment" means any motorized equipment allowed by a snowmobile area
22	operator; and	
23	(b)	"snowmobile" includes snowmobiles used for demonstration purposes by snowmobile dealers."
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25	Sectio	n 5. Section 23-2-814, MCA, is amended to read:
26	"23-2-8	814. Nonresident temporary-use permits use of fees. (1) Except as provided in 23-2-802,
27	an off-highway	vehicle that is owned by a nonresident may not be operated by a person in Montana unless a
28	nonresident ter	mporary-use permit is obtained.



1	(2)	The requirements pertaining to a nonresident temporary-use permit for an off-highway vehicle
2	are as follows:	
3	(a)	Application for the issuance of the permit must be made at locations and on forms prescribed
4	by the departm	ent of fish, wildlife, and parks. The forms must include but are not limited to:
5	(i)	the applicant's name and permanent street address;
6	(ii)	the make, model, year, and serial number of the off-highway vehicle; and
7	(iii)	an affidavit declaring the nonresidency of the applicant.
8	<u>(B)</u>	THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND PERMANENT STREET ADDRESS, AS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (3)(A)
9	(2)(A), AND ANY	OTHER PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE APPLICANT'S
10	PHONE NUMBER	, MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC BUT MAY BE USED BY OTHER STATE AGENCIES OR THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY
11	SYSTEM FOR TH	E SOLE PURPOSE OF GATHERING INFORMATION FOR USER STUDIES THAT INCLUDE USAGE CRITERIA,
12	TRENDS, AND GR	ROWTH.
13	(b) (C)	Upon submission of the application and a fee of \$35, of which \$2 is a search and rescue
14	surcharge, a no	onresident off-highway vehicle temporary-use sticker must be issued. The sticker must be
15	displayed in a d	conspicuous manner on the off-highway vehicle. The sticker is the temporary-use permit.
16	(3)	The temporary-use permit is valid for the calendar year designated on the permit.
17	(4)	The permit is not proof of ownership, and a certificate of title may not be issued.
18	(5)	(a) Except as provided in subsection (5)(b), money collected by payment of fees under this
19	section must be	e deposited in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the department of fish, wildlife, and
20	parks and used	as follows:
21	(i)	\$27.50 must be expended to maintain off-highway vehicle trails;
22	(ii)	\$2.50 must be used by the department for enforcement of off-highway vehicle laws pursuant to
23	23-2-806;	
24	(iii)	\$2 must be remitted to the license agent who sold the nonresident temporary-use permit; and
25	(iv)	\$1 must be used by the department to mitigate and eradicate noxious weeds along off-highway
26	vehicle trails.	
27	(b)	The \$2 search and rescue surcharge must be deposited in the account established in 10-3-801
28	for use as prov	ided in that section.



1	(6) Failure to display the permit as required by this section or making false statements in obtaining
2	the permit is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 <u>\$40</u> or more than \$100 <u>\$60</u> . All
3	fines collected under this section must be transmitted to the department of revenue for deposit of half \$40 OF
4	EACH \$60 FINE in the state general fund and half-\$20 OF EACH \$60 FINE in the summer motorized recreation trail
5	account provided for in 23-2-112."
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7	Section 6. Section 61-3-321, MCA, is amended to read:
8	"61-3-321. Registration fees of vehicles and vessels certain vehicles exempt from
9	registration fees disposition of fees definition. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
10	registration fees must be paid upon registration or, if applicable, renewal of registration of motor vehicles,
11	snowmobiles, watercraft, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers as provided in subsections (2) through (20).
12	(2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), unless a light vehicle is permanently registered
13	under 61-3-562, the annual registration fee for light vehicles, trucks, and buses that weigh 1 ton or less and for
14	logging trucks that weigh 1 ton or less is as follows:
15	(i) if the vehicle is 4 or less years old, \$217;
16	(ii) if the vehicle is 5 through 10 years old, \$87; and
17	(iii) if the vehicle is 11 or more years old, \$28.
18	(b) For a light vehicle with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of more than \$150,000 that is 10
19	years old or less, the annual registration fee is the amount provided for in subsection (2)(a) plus \$825.
20	(3) (a) Except as provided in subsections (3)(b) and (15), the one-time registration fee based on
21	the declared weight of a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is as follows:
22	(i) if the declared weight is less than 6,000 pounds, \$61.25; or
23	(ii) if the declared weight is 6,000 pounds or more, \$148.25.
24	(b) For a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer that is registered under 61-3-701, the annual registration
25	fee based on the declared weight is as follows:
26	(i) if the declared weight is less than 6,000 pounds, \$30; or
27	(ii) if the declared weight is 6,000 pounds or more, \$60.
28	(4) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for motor vehicles owned



1	and operated solely as collector's items pursuant to 61-3-411, based on the weight of the vehicle, is as follows:
2	(a) 2,850 pounds and over, \$10; and
3	(b) under 2,850 pounds, \$5.
4	(5) (a) Except as provided in subsections (5)(b) and (15), the one-time registration fee for off-
5	highway vehicles other than a quadricycle or motorcycle is \$61.25.
6	(b) Whenever a valid summer motorized recreation trail pass issued pursuant to 23-2-111 is
7	affixed to an off-highway vehicle other than a quadricycle or motorcycle, the one-time registration fee is \$41.25.
8	(6) The annual registration fee for heavy trucks, buses, and logging trucks in excess of 1 ton is
9	\$22.75.
10	(7) (a) Except as provided in subsection (7)(c), the annual registration fee for a motor home, based
11	on the age of the motor home, is as follows:
12	(i) less than 2 years old, \$282.50;
13	(ii) 2 years old and less than 5 years old, \$224.25;
14	(iii) 5 years old and less than 8 years old, \$132.50; and
15	(iv) 8 years old and older, \$97.50.
16	(b) The owner of a motor home that is 11 years old or older and that is subject to the registration
17	fee under this section may permanently register the motor home upon payment of:
18	(i) a one-time registration fee of \$237.50;
19	(ii) unless a new set of license plates is being issued, an insurance verification fee of \$5, which
20	must be deposited in the account established under 61-6-158 ;
21	(iii) if applicable, five times the renewal fees for personalized license plates under 61-3-406 ; and
22	(iv) if applicable, the donation fee for a generic specialty license plate under 61-3-480 or a
23	collegiate license plate under 61-3-465.
24	(c) For a motor home with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of more than \$300,000 that is 10
25	years old or less, the annual registration fee is the amount provided in subsection (7)(a) plus \$800.
26	(8) (a) (i) Except as provided in subsections (8)(b), (8)(c), and (15), the one-time registration fee for
27	motorcycles and quadricycles registered for use on the public highways is \$53.25, the one-time registration fee
28	for motorcycles and quadricycles registered for off-highway use is \$53.25, and the one-time registration fee for



1	motorcycles and quadricycles registered for both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$114.50.
2	(ii) An additional fee of \$16 must be collected for the registration of each motorcycle or quadricycle
3	as a safety fee, which must be deposited in the state motorcycle safety account provided for in 20-25-1002.
4	(b) (i) The annual registration fee for motorcycles and quadricycles registered for use on the public
5	highways under 61-3-701 is \$44.
6	(ii) The annual registration fee for motorcycles and quadricycles registered for off-highway use
7	under 61-3-701 is \$44.
8	(iii) The annual registration fee for motorcycles and quadricycles registered for both off-road use
9	and for use on the public highways under 61-3-701 is \$88.
10	(iv) An additional safety fee of \$7 must be collected annually for each motorcycle or quadricycle
11	registered under 61-3-701. The safety fee must be deposited in the state motorcycle safety account provided
12	for in 20-25-1002 .
13	(c) Whenever a valid summer motorized recreation trail pass issued pursuant to 23-2-111 is
14	affixed to a motorcycle or quadricycle, the one-time registration fee for motorcycles and quadricycles registered
15	for:
16	(i) use on the public highways is \$33.25; and
16 17	(i) use on the public highways is \$33.25; and (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50.
17	(ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50.
17 18	(ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on
17 18 19	(ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows:
17 18 19 20	 (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows: (a) under 16 feet in length, \$72; and
17 18 19 20 21	 (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows: (a) under 16 feet in length, \$72; and (b) 16 feet in length or longer but less than 3 1 feet, \$152 \$112 \$152 ; and
17 18 19 20 21 22	 (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows: (a) under 16 feet in length, \$72; and (b) 16 feet in length or longer <u>but less than 3 1 feet</u>, \$152 <u>\$112</u> <u>\$152 ; and</u> (c) 31 feet or longer, \$152 <u>\$192</u>.
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	 (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows: (a) under 16 feet in length, \$72; and (b) 16 feet in length or longer <u>but less than 3 1 feet</u>, \$152 <u>\$112 \$152 ; and</u> (c) 31 feet or longer, \$152 \$192. (10) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for a motorboat, sailboat,
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	 (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows: (a) under 16 feet in length, \$72; and (b) 16 feet in length or longer but less than 3 1 feet, \$152 \$112 \$152 ; and (c) 31 feet or longer, \$152 \$192. (10) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for a motorboat, sailboat, personal watercraft, or motorized pontoon required to be numbered under 23-2-512 is as follows:
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	 (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows: (a) under 16 feet in length, \$72; and (b) 16 feet in length or longer <u>but less than 3 1 feet</u>, \$152 <u>\$112 \$152 ; and</u> (c) 31 feet or longer, \$152 \$192. (10) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for a motorboat, sailboat, personal watercraft, or motorized pontoon required to be numbered under 23-2-512 is as follows: (a) for a personal watercraft or a motorboat, sailboat, or motorized pontoon less than 16 feet in
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	 (ii) both off-road use and for use on the public highways is \$94.50. (9) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for travel trailers, based on the length of the travel trailer, is as follows: (a) under 16 feet in length, \$72; and (b) 16 feet in length or longer but less than 3 1 feet, \$152 \$112 \$152 ; and (c) 31 feet or longer, \$152 \$192. (10) Except as provided in subsection (15), the one-time registration fee for a motorboat, sailboat, personal watercraft, or motorized pontoon required to be numbered under 23-2-512 is as follows: (a) for a personal watercraft or a motorboat, sailboat, or motorized pontoon less than 16 feet in length, \$65.50;



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1	(c) for a motorboat, sailboat, or motorized pontoon 19 $\underline{2}$ 1 feet in length or longer, \$295.50.
2	(11) (a) Except as provided in subsections (11)(b), (11)(c), and (15), the one-time registration fee for
3	a snowmobile is \$60.50.
4	(b) Whenever a valid winter trail pass issued pursuant to 23-2-636 is affixed to a snowmobile, the
5	one-time registration fee is \$40.50.
6	(c) (i) A snowmobile that is licensed by a Montana business and is owned exclusively for the
7	purpose of daily rental to customers is assessed:
8	(A) a fee of \$40.50 in the first year of registration; and
9	(B) if the business reregisters the snowmobile for a second year, a fee of \$20.
10	(ii) If the business reregisters the snowmobile for a third year, the snowmobile must be
11	permanently registered and the business is assessed the registration fee imposed in subsection (11)(a).
12	(12) (a) The one-time registration fee for a low-speed electric vehicle is \$25.
13	(b) The one-time registration fee for a golf cart that is owned by a person who has or is applying for
14	a low-speed restricted driver's license is \$25.
15	(c) The one-time registration fee for golf carts authorized to operate on certain public streets and
16	highways pursuant to 61-8-391 is \$25. Upon receipt of the fee, the department shall issue the owner a decal,
17	which must be displayed visibly on the golf cart.
18	(13) (a) Except as provided in subsection (13)(b), a fee of \$10 <u>\$30</u> <u>\$10</u> must be collected when a
19	new set of standard license plates, a new single standard license plate, or a replacement set of special license
20	plates required under 61-3-332 is issued. The \$10 \$30 \$10 fee imposed under this subsection (13)(a) does not
21	apply when previously issued license plates are transferred under 61-3-335. All registration fees imposed under
22	this section must be paid if the vehicle to which the plates are transferred is not currently registered.
23	(b) An additional fee of \$15 must be collected if a vehicle owner elects to keep the same license
24	plate number from license plates issued before January 1, 2010, when replacement of those plates is required
25	under 61-3-332 (3).
26	(c) The fees imposed in this subsection (13) must be deposited in the account established under
27	61-6-158, except that \$2 of the fee imposed in subsection (13)(a) must be deposited in the state general fund.
28	(14) The provisions of this part with respect to the payment of registration fees do not apply to and

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1	are not binding upon motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, snowmobiles, watercraft, or tractors owned or
2	controlled by the United States of America or any state, county, city, or special district, as defined in 18-8-202,
3	or to a vehicle or vessel that meets the description of property exempt from taxation under 15-6-201 (1)(a),
4	(1)(d), (1)(e), (1)(g), (1)(h), (1)(i), (1)(k), (1)(l), (1)(n), or (1)(o), 15-6-203, or 15-6-215, except as provided in 61-
5	3-520 .
6	(15) Whenever ownership of a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, off-highway vehicle, motorcycle,
7	quadricycle, travel trailer, motor home, motorboat, sailboat, personal watercraft, motorized pontoon,
8	snowmobile, motor vehicle owned and operated solely as a collector's item pursuant to 61-3-411, or low-speed
9	electric vehicle is transferred, the new owner shall title and register the vehicle or vessel as required by this
10	chapter and pay the fees imposed under this section.
11	(16) A person eligible for a waiver under 61-3-460 is exempt from the fees required under this
12	section.
13	(17) Except as otherwise provided in this section, revenue collected under this section must be
14	deposited in the state general fund.
15	(18) The fees imposed by subsections (2) through (12) are not required to be paid by a dealer for
16	the enumerated vehicles or vessels that constitute inventory of the dealership.
17	(19) (a) Unless a person exercises the option in either subsection (19)(b) or (19)(c), an additional
18	fee of \$9 must be collected for each light vehicle registered under this part. This fee must be accounted for and
19	transmitted separately from the registration fee. Of the \$9 fee:
20	(i) \$6.74 must be deposited in the state special revenue account established in 23-1-105 and
21	used for state parks;
22	(ii) 50 cents must be deposited in an account in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the
23	department of fish, wildlife, and parks and used for fishing access sites;
24	(iii) \$1.37 must be deposited in the trails and recreation facilities state special revenue account
25	established in 23-2-108 ; and
26	(iv) 39 cents must be deposited in the Montana heritage preservation and development account
27	established in 22-3-1004 and used for the operation of state-owned facilities at Virginia City and Nevada City.
28	(b) A person who registers a light vehicle may, at the time of annual registration, certify that the
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1 person does not intend to use the vehicle to visit state parks and fishing access sites and may make a written 2 election not to pay the additional \$9 fee provided for in subsection (19)(a). If a written election is made, the fee 3 may not be collected. 4 (i) A person who registers one or more light vehicles may, at the time of annual registration, (c) 5 certify that the person does not intend to use any of the vehicles to visit state parks and fishing access sites and 6 may make a written election not to pay the additional \$9 fee provided for in subsection (19)(a). If a written 7 election is made, the fee may not be collected at any subsequent annual registration unless the person makes 8 the written election to pay the additional fee on one or more of the light vehicles. 9 The written election not to pay the additional fee on a light vehicle expires if the vehicle is (ii) 10 registered to a different person. 11 (20) For each light vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, heavy truck, motor home, motorcycle, 12 quadricycle, and travel trailer subject to a registration fee under this section, an additional fee of \$10 must be 13 collected and forwarded to the state for deposit in the account established in 44-1-504. 14 (21) (a) If a person exercises the option in subsection (21)(b), an additional fee of \$5 must be 15 collected for each light vehicle registered under this part. This fee must be accounted for and transmitted 16 separately from the registration fee. The fee must be deposited in an account in the state special revenue fund. 17 Funds in the account are statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, to the department of transportation 18 and must be allocated as provided in 60-3-309. 19 (b) A person who registers one or more light vehicles may, at the time of annual registration, make a written or electronic election to pay the additional \$5 fee provided for in subsection (21)(a). 20 21 (22)— This section does not apply to a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer that is 22 governed by 61-3-721. 23 (23) (a) The \$800 and \$825 amounts collected based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price 24 in subsections (2) and (7) are exempt from the provisions of 15-1-122 and must be deposited in the motor 25 vehicle division administration account established in 61-3-112. 26 By August 15 of each year, beginning in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the department (b) 27 of justice shall deposit into the general fund an amount equal to the fiscal yearend balance minus 25% of the 28 current fiscal year appropriation for the account established in 61-3-112.



1	(24) For the purposes of this section, "manufacturer's suggested retail price" means the price
2	suggested by a manufacturer for each given type, style, or model of a light vehicle or motor home produced and
3	first made available for retail sale by the manufacturer."
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5	NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. SAVING CLAUSE. [THIS ACT] DOES NOT AFFECT RIGHTS AND DUTIES THAT
6	MATURED, PENALTIES THAT WERE INCURRED, OR PROCEEDINGS THAT WERE BEGUN BEFORE [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
7	THIS ACT].
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9	NEW SECTION. Section 7. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2024.
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