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NOTICE: Public Accommodation License Required by Law

Do you own and/or operate a **short-term rental property** such as, but not limited to, an Airbnb or VRBO? Montana State law requires that all short-term rental properties be licensed through the Montana Department of Health and Human Services. **See Montana Code Annotated 50-51-201 below.* Please contact the Madison County Sanitarian Office to begin the process of obtaining your **Public Accommodation License.**

Montana Code Annotated 2021

TITLE 50. HEALTH AND SAFETY
CHAPTER 51. HOTELS, MOTELS, AND ROOMINGHOUSES
Part 2. Licensing

License Required

- 50-51-201. License required.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person engaged in the business of conducting or operating an establishment shall annually procure a license issued by the department.
- (2) A guest ranch or an outfitting and guide facility that meets the definitions in **50-51-102** is not required to obtain a license under subsection (1).
- (3) A separate license is required for each establishment. However, when more than one type of establishment is operated on the same premises and under the same management, only one license is required that must enumerate on the certificate the types of establishments licensed.
- (4) Before a license may be issued by the department, it must be validated by the local health officer or, if there is no local health officer, the sanitarian, in the county where the establishment is located.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 18, L. 1967; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 485, L. 1973; R.C.M. 1947, 34-303(part); amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 200, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 730, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 9, Ch. 366, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 350, L. 1997; amd. Sec. 5, Ch. 412, L. 1997; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 334, L. 2011.

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