# HOUSE BILL NO. 625

# INTRODUCED BY L. NELSON, CODY, HOCKETT, STEPPLER, TVEIT, SCHYE, J. DEBRUYCKER, PETERSON, NATHE

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FEBRUARY 5, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
FEBRUARY 6, 1991	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 19, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 20, 1991	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 21, 1991	POSTED ON ALTERNATIVE CONSENT CALENDAR.
FEBRUARY 23, 1991	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 98; NOES, 0.
•	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.
	IN THE SENATE
FEBRUARY 25, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 16, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 18, 1991	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 19, 1991	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 46; NOES, 2.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.
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MARCH 23, 1991	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS

MARCH 25, 1991

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Section 1. Section 7-6-2701, MCA, is amended to read:

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- 1 (c) establish the rate of interest the county shall
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- 3 (d) designate the warrants which are to be purchased by
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### SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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### MR. PRESIDENT.

We, your committee on Local Government having had under consideration House Bill No. 625 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Bill No. 625 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

1. Title, line 7.
Strike: "HEANS OF FULLY SECURED TRANSACTIONS"
Insert: "ISSUING NOTES"

2. Title, line 8. Strike: "AND" Insert: "," Following: "7-34-2122," Insert: "AND 7-34-2131,

3. Page 4, lines 14 and 15. Strike: "its" on line 14 through "transaction" on line 15 Insert: "notes"

4. Page 4. Following: line 25

Insert: "Section 3. Section 7-34-2131, MCA, is amended to read: "7-34-2131. Hospital district bonds and notes authorized. (1)(a) A hospital district may borrow money by the issuance of its bonds to provide funds for payment of part or all of the cost of acquisition, furnishing, equipment, improvement, extension, and betterment of hospital facilities and to provide an adequate working capital for a new hospital.

(2)(b) The amount of bonds issued for such purpose and outstanding at any time may not exceed 22.5% of the taxable value of the property therein as ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the issuance of such bonds.

(3)(c) Such bonds shall be authorized, sold, and issued and provisions made for their payment in the manner and subject to the conditions and limitations prescribed for bonds of school districts by Title 20, chapter 9, part 4.

(2)(a) A hospital district may borrow money by the issuance of notes to provide funds to finance the costs described in subsection (1) and to finance the working capital requirements of the district. The notes must be authorized and in a form and terms prescribed by a resolution adopted by the board of trustees. The notes must mature over a term not to exceed 15 years.

(b) The principal and interest on the notes must be paid from the taxes levied pursuant to 7-34-2133 and 7-34-2134, exclusive of the taxes levied to pay bonds issued in accordance with subsection (1), and all other revenue of the district. The annual amount of principal and interest payable on notes in any fiscal year must be included in the district's budget for that year.

(c) The notes may be secured by a mortgage of or a security interest in all or part of the district's assets and by a pledge of the taxes and revenue of the district, or either of them.

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(4)(3) Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the provisions of Title 50, chapter 6, part 1, allowing the state to apply for and accept federal funds."

Signed: Carley & Benglam
Esther G. Bengtson, Chairman

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