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1 House BILL NO. 640
 2 INTRODUCED BY J. Brown
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
 4 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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 7 DEFINITION OF "FETAL DEATH" TO INCLUDE THE BIRTH OF A DEAD
 8 FETUS BEFORE 20 WEEKS OF GESTATION IF THE FETUS WEIGHS MORE
 9 THAN 500 GRAMS AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY; AND AMENDING SECTION
 10 50-15-101, MCA."

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

13 **Section 1.** Section 50-15-101, MCA, is amended to read:

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 15 otherwise, in parts 1 through 4 the following definitions
 16 apply:

- 17 (1) "Board" means the board of health and environmental
 18 sciences provided for in 2-15-2104.
- 19 (2) "Dead body" means a lifeless human body or parts of
 20 a body from which it reasonably may be concluded that death
 21 occurred recently.
- 22 (3) "Department" means the department of health and
 23 environmental sciences provided for in Title 2, chapter 15,
 24 part 21.
- 25 (4) "Dissolution of marriage" means a marriage

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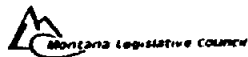
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