

HOUSE BILL NO. 881

INTRODUCED BY R. JOHNSON, JACOBSON  
BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 15, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.

FEBRUARY 16, 1991                   FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 23, 1991                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

POSTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 25, 1991                   CONSENT CALENDAR, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 26, 1991                   THIRD READING, PASSED.  
AYES, 99; NOES, 0.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 26, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, & SAFETY.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 21, 1991                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 23, 1991                   SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 25, 1991                   THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 45; NOES, 3.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 25, 1991                   RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0881, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:


An act revising the laws relating to certification of emergency medical technicians; authorizing the Board of Medical Examiners to adopt rules establishing various levels of emergency medical technician certification and prescribing the training and certification requirements for each level, as well as the types of emergency medical services each may perform; amending sections 50-6-202, 50-6-203, and 50-6-207, MCA; repealing sections 50-6-204 and 50-6-205, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date.


ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Emergency Medical Services Bureau of the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences currently administers the EMT certification process on behalf of the Montana Board of Medical Examiners.
2. Since no new certification levels are contemplated, there will be no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences or the Board of Medical Examiners.
3. Adoption of rules by the Board of Medical Examiners would be a cost absorbed in the recommended board budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

  
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ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR                      DATE  
Office of Budget and Program Planning

  
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