

HOUSE BILL 980

Introduced by Russell, et al.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 980

INTRODUCED BY Russell Hayes

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A STATE EPIDEMIOLOGIST WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES; PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE EPIDEMIOLOGIST; PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. State epidemiologist -- appointment -- duties. (1) The director of the department of health and environmental sciences shall designate as the state epidemiologist a department employee who has a doctoral degree in epidemiology or other appropriate discipline.

(2) The department shall, under the supervision of the state epidemiologist, establish and manage a program of epidemiology for the following purposes:

- (a) maintaining surveillance of incidence of diseases hazardous to public health;
- (b) investigating occurrence of diseases to determine risk to public health;
- (c) promoting appropriate control measures in response

to epidemic occurrence of diseases and implementing those control measures that are required by state law;

(d) implementing and coordinating routine preventive measures on a statewide basis necessary to protect public health;

(e) providing standard diagnostic and therapeutic information in the evaluation and management of diseases actually or potentially hazardous to public health;

(f) cooperating with other local, state, and federal offices and programs in investigating and controlling diseases hazardous to public health; and

(g) providing information to the public concerning diseases hazardous to public health.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$50,000 from the general fund to the department of health and environmental sciences for the biennium ending June 30, 1993. The appropriation must be used by the department for the purposes of [section 1] and to employ support staff for the epidemiological program required by [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50, and the provisions of Title 50 apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is



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