

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *254*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Heating*
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 7 THAN A HOSPITAL, THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION
 8 ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS; AMENDING
 9 SECTION 50-5-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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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 SB0254, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill authorizing the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences to consider as eligible for licensure any health care facility, other than a hospital, that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning 2-5-91



TOM KEATING, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
2/6/91

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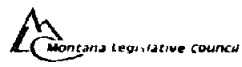
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