

SENATE BILL NO. 297

INTRODUCED BY NOBLE, FARRELL, ANDERSON, WALLIN, WILLIAMS,  
BARNETT, HOFFMAN, KOEHNKE, HARP

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 6, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

FEBRUARY 7, 1991                   FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 15, 1991                  COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

ON MOTION, TAKEN FROM SECOND READING  
AND REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY 20, 1991                  COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 21, 1991                  SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 22, 1991                  ENGROSSING REPORT.

THIRD READING, PASSED.  
AYES, 49; NOES, 0.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 18, 1991                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 20, 1991                   SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 21, 1991                   THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 73; NOES, 25.

RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 22, 1991

RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.



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14 the terminal and the interchange. The fee for this permit is  
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ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

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2 INTRODUCED BY *Mell, Fabryel Anderson, Williams*  
3 *Wilkens, Bennett, Hoffman, Bachner, Harris*

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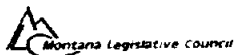
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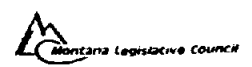
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