

SENATE BILL NO. 415

INTRODUCED BY VAUGHN, DARKO, HARDING, WEEDING

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 16, 1991           INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
                                  ON FISH & GAME.

                                  FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 22, 1991           COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
                                  DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

                                  PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 25, 1991           SECOND READING, DO PASS.

                                  ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 26, 1991           THIRD READING, PASSED.  
                                  AYES, 45; NOES, 4.

                                  TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991                INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
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APRIL 13, 1991                COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
                                  CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT  
                                  ADOPTED.

APRIL 17, 1991                SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

                                  ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED AND BILL  
                                  PLACED ON THIRD READING THIS DAY.

                                  THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
                                  AYES, 57; NOES, 41.

                                  RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 18, 1991                RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

                                  SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS  
                                  CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 19, 1991

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS  
CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Joseph Starks*  
 3 *Headling*  
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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 SB0415, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill establishes a state park fee on recreational vehicles, campers, motor homes and travel trailers; sets the fee; and provides that fee proceeds be used at state parks for recreational vehicle services and facilities.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are 10,273 registered motor homes, 24,081 registered travel trailers, and 5,755 campers in Montana.
2. Each of the vehicles in assumption 1 would pay the \$3.50 fee in this proposal.
3. The revenue generated under the fee proposal would be deposited in a DFWP special revenue fund.
4. Funds generated by the bill "may be used only to provide recreational vehicle services and facilities in state parks."
5. The proposal has no impact on Department of Revenue administrative expenses (but see Technical Notes section below).


FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks:

	FY 92			FY 93		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Park Improvements	0	140,300	140,300	0	140,300	140,300
<u>Funding:</u>						
Recreational Vehicle Fee (02)	0	140,300	140,300	0	140,300	140,300
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Recreational Vehicle Fee (02)	0	140,380	140,380	0	140,380	140,380

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Taxes collected at the county level are remitted directly to the State Treasurer's Office. For ease and efficiency in administration Section 1, paragraph (2) should be changed to provide that the county treasurer remit collections directly to the state treasurer. This will eliminate the need for an additional state agency involvement (namely, DOR).

  
 ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR      2-22-91      DATE  
 Office of Budget and Program Planning

  
 ELEANOR L. VAUGHN, PRIMARY SPONSOR      2/25/91      DATE

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SB 415

APPROVED BY COMM.  
ON FISH AND GAME

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 3 *Altering existing*  
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 3 *Henry Weeding*  
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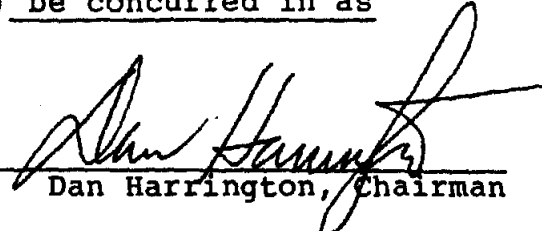
THIRD READING  
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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 12, 1991

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Taxation report that Senate Bill 415 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended .

Signed: 

Dan Harrington, Chairman

Carried by: Rep. Darko

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 7.  
Following: "PROCEEDS"  
Insert: "MAY"

2. Page 2, line 17.  
Strike: "only"

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