

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

FEBRUARY 18, 1985

The meeting of the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman J. D. Lynch on Monday, February 18, 1985 at 12:30 in Room 410 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senator Newman, who was excused. Senators Jacobson and Towe arrived late because of presenting bill in other committees. Karen Renne, staff researcher, was also present.

There were also many visitors in attendance. See attachments.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 342: Senator Mike Halligan of Missoula, the sponsor of SB 342, gave a brief resume of the bill. This bill is an act eliminating the apprenticeship requirements as a prerequisite for obtaining a certificate of registration to practice barbering; requiring an applicant who fails to pass the examination for a barber's certificate of registration to complete additional instruction before reapplying to take the examination.

Senator Halligan stated that last legislature changed the schooling requirements for barbers from 9 months to 12 months. This bill would eliminate the requirement of serving a 3 months apprenticeship before receiving a certificate of registration for barbering.

Les Haugen, representing the Central Montana Barber School, stood in support of the bill. He stated that two years ago in a committee meeting, the School Association and the Barber Board testified as to eliminating the three month apprenticeship and extending the school course from nine months to one year.

Since there was no opposition to the bill, he told his incoming students that they probably would not have apprenticeship by the time they graduated. With the additional schooling, the students are ready to go out on their own. They have received training in shop management and public relations. Some students would like to go to a small town, but there is no one for them to do the apprenticeship under, so the small town goes without a barber. The three month apprenticeship should be eliminated as it is unnecessary.

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Gary Lucht, of Missoula, the owner of the Big Sky Barber College stood in support of the bill. Mr. Lucht stated that 17 states have done away with the apprenticeship requirement. During the sunset review of the Board of Barbers the schooling requirement was changed from 1,500 hours to 2,000 hours which should take the place of the apprenticeship. Mr. Lucht handed in a sheet of statistics regarding barber school, and student barbers. See attachments.

Diane Dengel, a student at Central Montana Barber School in Great Falls, stood in support of the bill. Her testimony is attached. See attachments.

Shannon Yaeger, a student at the Central Montana Barber School, stood in support of the bill. She handed in written testimony for the record. See attachments.

With no further proponents, the vice chairman called on the opponents.

Richard Riley, representing the Montana Barber Board, stood in opposition to the bill. He himself is a member of the examining board stood in opposition to the bill. Mr. Riley stated that without the apprenticeship the student would have no where to go if they should happen to fail the test. The 3 months apprenticeship would give the student an opportunity to learn correctly what they failed during the examination. He stated that he likes the present law.

With no further opponents, the meeting was opened to a question and answer period from the Committee.

Senators Jacobson and Hager arrived.

Senator Lynch, if anyone had ever failed the test three times. At this point in time, no one has ever failed the test three times.

Senator Lynch asked what one does if they fail the test. If they fail the test they go back to school for additional hours of schooling.

Senator Himsel asked the procedure for an examination. Mr. Riley stated that they are given a practical test of a demonstration of a haircut which is judged by the board of barber examiners.

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Senator Stephens stated that perhaps the Barber Board should change with the times.

Senator Halligan closed, he stated that this is a good and logical bill.

Senator Jacobson took over the chair.

CONSIDERATION OF SEANTE JOINT RESOLUTION 22: Senator Tom Towe of Billings, the chief sponsor, of SJR 22, gave a brief summary of the resolution. This is a joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Senator Towe stated that this is the bill which he requested as a Committee Bill.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act was passed in 1976 with the purpose of improving Indian health to that level of other Americans. For the past 8 years, the Indian Health Care Improvement act has been an important source of funds for vital Indian health programs including clinical care, alcohol and mental health programs and training and recruitment of health personnel, and facilities construction. He stated that President Reagan has said that all duplicated services will be deleted from the program. Indian Health Care falls into program.

Louie Clayborn, coordinator of Indian Affairs for the State of Montana, stood in support of the bill. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act was passed by Congress in 1976. He stated that some diseases attack native Americans quicker than other Americans. The appropriation for the Act had been made this year, however, the President vetoed it because it was a duplication of services.

With no further proponents, the chairman called on the opponents. Hearing none, the meeting was opened to a question and answer period from the Committee.

Senator Himsl asked if perhaps this resolution should be amended to give more specific direction as to where the resolutuion should be sent. Senator Towe agreed with Senator Himsl.

Senator Himsl asked about block grants and if Indian health services receive any of this money. They do receive a small amount of the grants.

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Senator Towe closed.

ACTION ON SENATE BILL 287: Senator Esther Bengston is the sponsor of this bill. This bill is an act requiring the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences to inspect long-term care facilities annually.

Karen explained the proposed amendments brought to the Committee by Rose Skoogs of the Montana Health Care Facilities. She also handed out a comparison sheet which address the three bills dealing with the problem.

A motion was made by Senator Lynch that SB 287 be amended according to the proposed amendments. Motion carried.

Senator Norman stated that there are 125 long-term care facilities in Montana. They are presently being inspected once a year. However, the inspection is announced in advance.

A motion was made by Senator Lynch that SB 287 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL 329: Senator Pat Regan is the chief sponsor of SB 329. This bill is an act revising provisions relating to freedom of choice of medical assistance provided through the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Senator Jacobson explained that she had visited with Senator Regan and also Pat Godbout from the Department regarding "(b)".

A motion was made by Senator Towe that the bill be amended by striking "(b)" and reletter. Motion carried.

Senator Norman stated that this bill will cut down on Medicaid and the patients freedom of choice. He stated that this will take it back where it was 20 years ago.

Senator Jacobson stated that the bill spells out nothing and is pretty broad.

It was decided to invite Lee Tickell from the Department to the next meeting of the Committee to discuss this bill and have Karen draft a Statement of Intent.

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ACTION ON SENATE BILL 342: Senator Mike Halligan is the sponsor of SB 342. The is the barber bill which was heard earlier in the meeting.

Senator Stephens stated that this is a good bill and with the increased hours of education the intent of the bill is sound.

A motion was made by Senator Towe that the bill be amended on page 6, strike all of subsection 2. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Stephens that SB 342 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried.

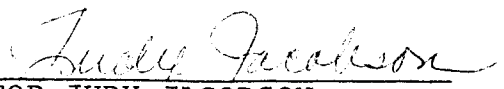
DISCUSSION ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22: This is the Indian Health Care Improvement Act sponsored by Senator Towe.

A motion was made by Senator Towe that the bill be amended to designate as to where the resolution should be sent. Motion carried.

It was requested that the bill be held until the next Committee meeting to enable some Committee members time to find some more information. Everyone was agreeable to this suggestion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 1985 to consider SB 286 and take executive action on some bills still in Committee.

ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting was adjourned.


SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON
CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 18, 1985

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 287

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ANNUAL UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS OF LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 237

be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 6.

Following: line 5.

Strike: "LONG-TERM CARE"

Insert: "LICENSED"

2. Page 2, line 7.

Following: "(4)"

Strike: remainder of line 7

Insert: "The"

3. Page 2, lines 10 and 11.

Following: "once" in line 10.

Strike: remainder of line 10 through "inspection" in line 11.

Insert: "during each calendar year without prior notice to
the operator or staff of the facility"

4. Page 2, lines 15 through 20.

Strike: subsection (5) in its entirety

AND AS AMENDED

DO PASS

~~DO NOT PASS~~

Senator Judy Jacobson

Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

FEBRUARY 16, 19 85

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

having had under consideration **SENATE BILL** No. **314**

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MISDEMEANOR FOR FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Respectfully report as follows: That **SENATE BILL** No. **314**

DO PASS

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~DO NOT PASS~~

SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON

Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

FEBRUARY 18, 1935

MR. PRESIDENT

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

We, your committee on

SENATE BILL No. 342

having had under consideration

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ELIMINATING APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENT AS PREREQUISITE TO BARBER LICENSURE

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE BILL No. 342

be amended as following:

1. Page 6, lines 2 through 13.
Following: line 1
Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety

AND AS AMENDED

DO PASS

~~DO NOT PASS~~

SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON

Chairman.

DATE _____

COMMITTEE ON _____

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Aprilia Carney	Central Mt. Barber Sc.	SB342	✓	
Deani Dangel	Central Mt. Barber Sc.	SB342	✓	
Marnon GREGG	Central Mt. Barber Sc.	SB342	✓	
Fanni Duhais	Central Mt. Barber Sc.	SB342	✓	
A Duane Dangel	" " " "	SB342	✓	
Wm. Stiles	" " " "	SB342	✓	
BOB CHYTRANS	" " " "	SB342	✓	
RICHARD RILEY	MT. STATE BARBER Bldg	SB342		✓
Terry B. Wilcock		SB342		✓
LES HAUGEN		SB342	✓	
Dunneymon	Indian Affairs/HENNA	SR22	✓	
May Zucht	Big Sky College of Barbering	SB 342		
Marta House	Big School of Barbering	SB 342		

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

NAME LES HAU GEEU BILL NO. _____
ADDRESS 620 Central ave Great Falls DATE 2/18
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Central Mount Border School
SUPPORT ☒ OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:



CENTRAL MONTANA BARBER SCHOOL

620 CENTRAL AVENUE • GREAT FALLS, MONTANA 59401 • (406) 727-0155

To whom it may concern:

Two years ago in a committee meeting, the School Association and Barber Board testified as to eliminating the three-month apprenticeship and extending the school course from nine months to one year.

Since there was no opposition to the bill, I told my incoming students that we probably wouldn't have apprenticeship by the time they graduated. I feel, with the additional schooling, the students are ready to go out on their own. They have received training in shop management and public relations.

I have students that would like to go to smaller towns, but there is no one for them to do the apprenticeship under, so the small town does without a barber. I feel the three-month apprenticeship should be eliminated as it is unnecessary.

Yours truly,

Les Haugen
Les Haugen

BARBER SCHOOLS, BARBER STUDENTS & BARBER STATISTICS

REVISED APRIL 1, 1983

Darryl

State	Number of Barber Schools				Number of Students		Barber and Shop Data				Miscellaneous	
	Private	Vocational	Institutional (Penal)	Total	Enrolled	Graduates Annually	Number of Barber Shops	Number of Registered Barbers	Number of Apprentice Barbers	Total Number of Barbers	Estimated Population	Ratio Population Per Barber
ALABAMA	NO STATISTICS AVAILABLE										3,769,000	
ALASKA	2			2	30	25	232	170	None	710	406,000	731
ARIZONA	4			4	180	120	740	2,457	228	2,685	2,800,300	1,043
ARKANSAS	4			4	120	100	950	1,850	140	1,990	2,296,000	1,154
CALIFORNIA	21			21	848		6,709	25,070	117	25,187	24,423,100	970
COLORADO	5	1	2	8	115	159	900	3,722	None	3,722	3,000,000	806
CONNECTICUT	3	2		5	Unk.	Unk.	Not Lic.	3,040	None	3,040	3,096,000	990
DELAWARE	1	1		2	18	14	266	534	52	586	600,000	1,024
FLORIDA	11	1	2	14	364	323	2,613	9,848	None	9,848	8,860,000	900
GEORGIA	9			9			2,333	4,679	933	5,612	5,829,000	952
HAWAII	1			1			334	1,079	49	1,128	925,000	820
IDAHO	1			1	22	28	295	650	87	737	878,000	1,181
ILLINOIS	17	2		26	729	500	Not Lic.	10,100	965	11,065	11,418,000	1,032
INDIANA	6	2	6	13	366	166	2,081	4,558	316	4,870	5,480,224	1,127
IOWA	5			5	120	125	1,250	2,200	None	2,200	2,902,000	1,451
KANSAS	2		1	3	55	52	1,000	1,875	None	1,875	2,363,000	1,221
KENTUCKY	4	1		5	132	136	1,300	3,095	286	3,381	3,661,433	1,083
LOUISIANA	2	3		5	87	94	1,816	3,257	None	3,257	4,203,972	1,291
MAINE	2			2	60	35	442	734	5	739	1,097,000	1,484
MARYLAND	6		2	8	412	200	1,218	3,821	499	4,320	4,148,000	960
MASSACHUSETTS	5			5	300	255	4,000	4,600	1,200	5,800	5,737,000	969
MICHIGAN	9			9	446	299	3,018	8,349	484	8,833	9,207,000	1,102
MINNESOTA	4	1	1	6	130	160	1,394	3,206	357	3,563	4,077,148	1,144
MISSISSIPPI	6	2		8	120	110	990	2,100	None	2,100	2,429,000	1,214
MISSOURI	4			4	66	135	1,575	4,252	None	4,252	4,917,000	1,156
MONTANA	4			4	65	85	315	710	63	773	786,000	1,014
NEBRASKA	3	1		4	58	57	671	1,722	None	1,722	1,570,000	996
NEVADA	† pending						200	712	31	743	825,000	1,110
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1			1	42	20	326	661	80	741	920,000	1,242
NEW JERSEY		2	1	3			2,525	6,710	425	7,135	7,000,000	981
NEW MEXICO	†† In process		1	2	15	15	495	1,107	144	1,251	1,241,000	992
NEW YORK	7			7			7,786	16,292	2,216	18,508	17,648,000	954
NORTH CAROLINA	6		1	6	144	100	2,200	4,800	325	5,125	5,806,000	1,094
NORTH DAKOTA	1			1	23	21	266	506	40	546	652,000	1,194
OHIO	12		1	13	470	412	3,552	9,026	2,437	11,463	10,787,418	942
OKLAHOMA				7		150	1,300	3,050	200	3,250	2,892,000	890
OREGON			2	3			800	2,000	None	2,000	2,600,000	1,300
PENNSYLVANIA	10	1	6	17	411	350	4,961	11,823	None	11,823	11,731,000	992
RHODE ISLAND	NO SCHOOLS						467	864	44	908	929,000	1,023
SOUTH CAROLINA	6	1	2	9			1,306	2,700	250	2,950	2,932,000	1,045
SOUTH DAKOTA	1			1	20	20	300	500	30	530	660,000	1,245
TENNESSEE	14	1	1	16	396	227	1,516	4,004	428	4,432	4,590,750	1,031
TEXAS	37		1	38	780	740	6,900	18,000	None	18,000	14,100,000	783
UTAH	3	1		4	73	Varies	Not Lic.	428	None	428	1,454,000	3,397
VERMONT	NO SCHOOLS						240	400	21	421	500,000	1,188
VIRGINIA	4	3	6	13	105	74	1,389	3,910	77	3,987	5,197,000	1,303
WASHINGTON	9	1	3	13	233	175	1,235	3,272	985	4,257	3,926,000	922
WASHINGTON D.C.	1	1	1	3			295	802	194	996	656,000	659
WEST VIRGINIA	3			3	160	140	865	1,101	None	1,101	1,878,000	1,706
WISCONSIN		4	1	5	102	102	1,403	2,990	314	3,304	4,720,000	1,440
WYOMING	NO SCHOOLS						154	302	21	323	450,000	1,393
TOTALS	263	33	47	343	7,833	5,723	76,902	204,175	14,042	218,217	223,894,346	1,026
PUERTO RICO	7	5	1	13	739	650	1,200	5,343	3,250	8,593	3,187,566	371

(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: Quane Dangel DATE: 2-18-85

ADDRESS: Box 184 Stanford, Mt.

PHONE: 566-2679

REPRESENTING WHOM? Central Mt. Barker School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 342

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENT: Testimony attached

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

My name is Diane Dengel I am a student at Central Montana Barber School in Great Falls. I am married and have two children. I live in Stanford, 65 miles east of Great Falls. I have been commuting daily 130 miles for nine months. I am gone from home twelve hours a day, five days a week. During this time I have done approximately 900 haircuts, 75 perms, also hair coloring and bleaching. We have been introduced in first aid, book keeping and shop management from our instructors and school bookkeeper. With the education I have received the past nine months and will continue to learn for the next three, I have no doubts of my capabilities to run my own barbershop.

My family will relocate when I start my own shop in Cascade. I feel with the excellent training that I have received, I can serve the men and women of this community adequately.

If the apprenticeship laws stays in I will have to commute another three months to Great Falls, as there isn't a barber in Cascade to serve under. If you can find a job within commuting distance for three months. Its three months spent building up someone else's clientel-then three months loss of income from your own business. Montana is a State of rural communities. Those of us that choose to barber in one or return to our home towns, are greatly hurt by this law. The old-time barbers do not want to hire the barber-stylest, because they don't have the training or the facilities to help further our education. Also the female barbers find themselves not very well received by the old-time barbers. We have invaded a man's world, but seem to be well received by the public. I feel if the State Barber Board finds us ready to syle the public and passes us on our state exams, we should be free to start our own business. Let the Barber board "weed" out those who are not ready. Don't punish us all.

We have a year of rigorous on the job training, let us use it.

(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: Shannon Yaege DATE: _____

ADDRESS: 1800 9th Ave S. #7

PHONE: 761-1370

REPRESENTING WHOM? Central Mt Barber School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 342

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENT: Testimony attached

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

Hi my name is Shannon Yaeger and I am representing the average student currently attending Central Montana Barber School in Great Falls. I attend school five days a week and then work a full time job after school and on my two days off.

I have only been in school since September, but in the five months that I have been there, I have learned to do many services such as; hair coloring, perming, shaving, braiding, and most of all, men's and women's haircutting and styling. In an average week, I do 25 haircuts and two to three perms. I feel that with what I have learned so far and with my seven months remaining in school, I should have the training and the ability to work out on my own right away.

Abolishing the apprenticeship would make it a lot easier on students like me who plan on opening a shop right away. I feel that it would be difficult to find a job working under someone for only three months and having them know that at the end of this time, I would be leaving. I also have thought about the fact that if I have to work under an old-style barber, he may not be equipped to do perms, hair colors and the like, and I would not have the opportunity to carry out many of services that I have been trained to do.

I also took into consideration that since the schooling was increased from nine to twelve months, making barber school the full 2000 hours just like beauty school, that we, like the beauty schools should not be required to work as an apprentice. If the apprenticeship is kept, students like me would most likely have to keep working other jobs to adequately support ourselves, whereas if we didn't have to apprentice, we could receive our licenses' and go right to work as a barber, and effectively use all of the services that our schooling has taught us.

(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: RICHARD FLEY DATE: 2-18-85

ADDRESS: 609 Park Drive #10 Great Falls

PHONE: 452-5122

REPRESENTING WHOM? MONTANA BARBER BOARD

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 342

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENT: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SB 287

1. Title, line 6.
Following: line 5
Strike: "LONG-TERM CARE"
Insert: "LICENSED"
2. Page 2, line 7.
Following: "(4)"
Strike: remainder of line 7
Insert: "The"
3. Page 2, lines 10 and 11.
Following: "once" in line 10
Strike: remainder of line 10 through "inspection" in line 11
Insert: "during each calendar year without prior notice to
the operator or staff of the facility"
4. Page 2, lines 15 through 20.
Strike: subsection (5) in its entirety

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Public Health, Welfare & Safety Committee

FROM: Karen Renne
Researcher

RE: Bills dealing with inspection of licensed health-care facilities

Bill	Sponsor	Purpose	Cost/Biennium
HB 165	Connelly	Requires an <u>additional</u> annual unannounced "inquiry" at long-term care facilities, to "ensure that a caring environment is maintained." Amended to allow DHES to delegate to local health departments.	\$154,110
HB 470	Bradley (req. by DHES)	Requires inspection of all facilities applying for a new license or renewing an old one (i.e., annual)	none
SB 287	Bengston	Requires annual inspection of long-term care facilities without prior notice (amend to include all licensed facilities)	probably none

Comment: The Governor's budget already includes additional FTE's for unannounced inspections. It is not clear whether HB 165's cost includes these FTE's. Annual inspections apparently are routine now, and HB 470 may be superfluous; essentially it merely makes inspections mandatory. Present law does not specify how the department determines that a facility meets minimum standards.

The bill before the Committee -- SB 287 -- probably should be amended to apply to all licensed facilities. It adds to what is apparently existing practice only the provision that inspections must be unannounced. SB 287, amended, is easily coordinated with HB 470.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee

FROM: Karen Renne
Researcher

RE: Senate Bill 329, on freedom of choice of medical assistance

A question was raised during the hearing on this bill (2-13-85) as to whether the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services already has the authority this bill would provide. The answer was that the Department sees a conflict between the freedom of choice provisions of 53-6-104, which the bill seeks to amend, and the Department's mandate under the federal Social Security Act.

The Department's rulemaking authority in this instance appears to derive from Sections 53-6-111 and 53-6-113, which are reproduced below.

53-6-111. Department charged with general administration of medical assistance — adoption of rules to punish fraud. (1) The department of social and rehabilitation services is hereby authorized and empowered to administer and supervise a vendor payment program of medical assistance under the powers, duties, and functions provided in chapter 2 of this title, as amended, and as contemplated by the provisions of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

(2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a system of penalties and sanctions applicable to providers of medical assistance services and supplies who engage in fraudulent, abusive, or improper activities. The department shall define by rule those activities which are fraudulent, abusive, or improper.

(3) The penalties or sanctions imposed include but are not limited to:

- (a) required courses of education in the rules governing the medicaid program;
- (b) withholding of payments to offset previous improper payments to a provider;
- (c) suspension of payments to a provider pending resolution of a dispute involving fraudulent, abusive, or improper activities;
- (d) suspension of participation in the program for a specified period of time; and
- (e) permanent termination of participation in the medical assistance program.

(4) The department is entitled to recover from a provider all amounts paid as a result of fraudulent, abusive, or improper activities, together with interest at the rate set by 15-30-142 for tax deficiencies from the date of such payment.

(5) In all cases in which a penalty or sanction may be imposed, a provider is entitled to a hearing under the provisions of Title 2, chapter 4, part 6.

53-6-113. Department to adopt rules. The department of social and rehabilitation services shall adopt appropriate rules not inconsistent with this part to administer and supervise the program uniformly throughout the state and shall define medical assistance by rules. Medical assistance shall be furnished through payments to providers of services and supplies as contemplated in this part.