

1 House BILL NO. 68  
 2 INTRODUCED BY HUENNEKENS South

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION  
 5 84-437.2 TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF LAND DEVOTED TO  
 6 AGRICULTURAL USE."

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

9 Section 1. Section 84-437.2, R.C.M. 1947, is amended  
 10 to read as follows:

11 "84-437.2. Eligibility of land for valuation as  
 12 agricultural. Land which is actively devoted to agricultural  
 13 use shall be eligible for valuation, assessment and taxation  
 14 as herein provided each year it meets ~~any-of~~ the following  
 15 qualifications:

16 (1) It is being actively devoted to agriculture or it  
 17 has been historically devoted to agricultural use and it has  
 18 been valued and assessed as agricultural land for the  
 19 taxable years 1971, 1972 and 1973 and it continues to be  
 20 devoted to agricultural use which means;

21 (a) It is used to produce crops including, but not  
 22 limited to, grains, feed crops, fruits, vegetables; or

23 (b) It is used for grazing; or

24 (c) It is in a crop-land retirement program; ~~or~~ and

25 (2) The area of such land is not less than five (5)

1 contiguous acres when measured in accordance with the  
 2 provisions of section ~~84-437.6~~, when the gross value of  
 3 grazing or crops produced for sale or home consumption  
 4 thereon together with any payments received under a  
 5 crop-land retirement program totals at least one thousand  
 6 (\$1,000) per year; or  
 7 (3) It agriculturally produces for sale or home  
 8 consumption the equivalent of fifteen percent (15%) or more  
 9 of the owners' annual gross income."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 112-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15


In compliance with a written request received January 29, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 68 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 68 changes the definition of land devoted to agricultural use.

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of House Bill 68 would have no fiscal impact. The current law is presently being interpreted in the same manner as provided for in this bill.

  
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Office of Budget and Program Planning  
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