

1 House BILL NO. 548
2 INTRODUCED BY Rhls

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO TRANSFER CERTAIN
5 FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY REGARDING
6 THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BY RENUMBERING AND AMENDING
8 SECTIONS 41-24-1 THROUGH 41-2403, R.C.M. 1947."

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

11 Section 1. Section 41-2401, R.C.M. 1947, is
12 renumbered 64-401, and is amended to read as follows:

13 "~~41-2401-64-401~~. Policy. This act establishes as an
14 affirmative policy of this state within the department of
15 ~~labor--and--industry~~ intergovernmental relations procedures
16 which will enable women to contribute to society according
17 to their fullest possible potential."

18 Section 2. Section 41-2402, R.C.M. 1947, is
19 renumbered 64-402, and is amended to read as follows:

20 "~~41-2402-64-402~~. Functions of department of ~~labor--and~~
21 ~~industry~~ intergovernmental relations. The department of
22 ~~labor-and-industry~~ intergovernmental relations shall:

23 (1) Conduct studies about the changing employment
24 needs and problems of women in Montana and make
25 recommendations to the governor and the ~~legislative-assembly~~

1 legislature.

2 (2) Direct public attention to critical employment
3 problems confronting women as wives, mothers, homemakers and
4 workers.

5 (3) Serve as a clearing house for information and
6 materials pertinent to programs and services available to
7 assist and advise women on employment and related matters.

8 (4) Cooperate with governmental departments and
9 agencies primarily involved in curbing job discrimination
10 and in the expansion of employment rights and opportunities
11 available to the women of this state.

12 (5) Conduct periodic conferences throughout the state
13 to make women more aware of employment opportunities,
14 programs and services available to them.

15 (6) Serve as the central, permanent agency for the
16 coordination and evaluation of employment programs and
17 services for women of the state and as a planning agency for
18 the development of those services.

19 (7) Encourage women's organizations and other groups
20 to institute local self-help activities designed to meet
21 women's employment and related needs.

22 (8) Apply for and receive grants, appropriations or
23 gifts from any federal, state or local agency, private
24 foundation, or individual to carry out the purposes of this
25 act."

1 Section 3. Section 41-2403, R.C.M. 1947, is
2 renumbered 64-403, and is amended to read as follows:

3 "~~41-2403-64-403~~. Rules of procedure and practice. The
4 ~~commissioner~~ director of the department of ~~labor---and~~
5 ~~industry~~ intergovernmental relations may issue rules of
6 procedure and practice consistent with the Montana
7 Administrative Procedure Act [82-4201 to 82-4225] in order
8 to administer and carry out the purposes of this act."

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