

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *54*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Harley Lee McHenry Donnell Olson*  
 3 *Romy Halberd Murphy Manley Devine, Stead*  
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING SURVIVING *Flynn*  
 5 SPOUSES OF SILICOTICS ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS IF WIDOWED PRIOR *Watt*  
 6 TO MARCH 14, 1974, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."  
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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: *Brown*  
 9 Section 1. There is a new R.C.M. section numbered *Chesler*  
 10 71-1010.1 that reads as follows: *Ferguson*  
 11 71-1010.1. Prior surviving spouses eligible for  
 12 silicosis payments. A person who otherwise is qualified to  
 13 receive payments under section 71-1010, but whose spouse  
 14 died prior to March 14, 1974, is hereby made eligible to  
 15 begin receiving those payments.  
 16 Section 2. This act is effective on its passage and  
 17 approval.

-End-

*SB 54*

## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 29-75

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 13, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 54 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:

An act to make surviving spouses of persons who died of silicosis prior to March 14, 1974, eligible for silicosis payments. The act is effective on passage and approval.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are 255 surviving spouses of silicotics who died prior to March 14, 1974, who would be entitled to benefits under the proposed law.
2. The proposed law would apply to both in-state and out-of-state surviving spouses who have not remarried.
3. Payment will be made at the current rate of \$175 per month rather than the rate the silicotic was receiving at the time of death.
4. There will be no back payments for periods prior to the effective date.
5. The bill would become effective by March 1, 1975.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Additional expenditures for silicosis payments under proposed law:

	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77
Operating expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
Benefits and Claims	<u>178,500</u>	<u>535,500</u>	<u>535,500</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 180,000</u></b>	<b><u>536,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 535,500</u></b>

## LONG-TERM EFFECTS:

Qualified surviving spouses vary in age from 45 - 96 years old. Based on life expectancy tables, proposed program should phase out by 1987 with a total program cost of approximately \$5.75 million, assuming a constant rate of \$175.

*Michael B. Billings*

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: Jan 18, 1975

Approved by Committee  
on Finance & Claims

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19   ~~approval:~~

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 6, 1975

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 55

Be amended in the third reading bill as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 1, line 10.  
Following: "district, the"  
Strike: "one"  
Insert: "three"
2. Amend page 2, section 1, line 11.  
Following: "term of"  
Strike: "seven (7)"  
Insert: "three (3)"
3. Amend page 2, section 1, line 12.  
Strike: "one"  
Insert: "two"
4. Amend page 2, section 1, line 13.  
Following: "of"  
Strike: "six (6)"  
Insert: "two (2)"
5. Amend page 2, section 1, line 13.  
Following: "years,"  
Insert: "and"
6. Amend page 2, section 1, line 13.  
Following: "the"  
Strike: "one"  
Insert: "two"
7. Amend page 2, section 1, line 14.  
Following: "term of"  
Strike: "five (5) years, the one receiving the next greatest number of votes for a term of four (4) years, the one receiving the next greatest number of votes for a term of three (3) years, the one receiving the next greatest number of votes for a term of two (2) years, and the elected one receiving the least number of votes for a term of"
8. Amend page 2, section 1, line 23.  
Following: "lot the"  
Strike: "one"  
Insert: "three"
9. Amend page 2, section 1, line 23.  
Following: "for"  
Strike: "seven (7)"  
Insert: "three (3)"

April 15, 1975

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 54

That Senate Bill No. 54, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 1, section 1, line 17.

Following: "receiving"

Insert: "one half (1/2) of"

AS AMENDED  
BE CONCURRED IN

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17 begin receiving ONE-HALF (1/2) OF those payments.

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19 ~~approval.~~

-End-

REFERENCE BILL

SB 54