

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 51
2 INTRODUCED BY FABREGA

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE
5 LOTTERY WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO THE LOCAL
6 GOVERNMENTS AND PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED
7 TO THE ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA."

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

10 Section 1. State lottery created. There is created a
11 lottery to be operated by the state, the net proceeds of
12 which shall be returned to local government general funds in
13 proportion to the number of tickets purchased in each
14 county, city, or town.

15 Section 2. Implementation. The 46th legislature shall
16 pass appropriate laws to:

- 17 (1) effect the purposes of this act;
18 (2) ensure that such games are rigidly regulated to
19 prevent commercialized gambling and prevent participation by
20 criminal and other undesirable elements; and
21 (3) ensure that the funds generated are allocated in
22 accordance with this act.

23 Section 3. Submission to electorate. The question of
24 whether this act will become effective shall be submitted to
25 the electors of the state at the general election to be held

1 November 7, 1978, by printing on the ballot the full title,
2 sections 1 and 2 of this act, and the following:

- 3 FOR creation of a state lottery.
4 AGAINST creation of a state lottery.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 10-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 5, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 51 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:

A proposal to create a state lottery with the proceeds to be returned to the local governments and providing that the proposed act be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The only conceivable cost which the proposed legislation might impose during the 1978-79 biennium lies in printing the measure on the ballot for the General Election of November 1978. This cost will be absorbed in the general expenditures for that election.
2. Since no form for the lottery is suggested and implementation (if it receives a favorable vote by the people in the 1978 election) must await the 1979 session, any figures on administrative costs or revenues to local governments would be sheer speculation.

TECHNICAL NOTE:

The formula for returning net proceeds of the lottery to local governments might be more clearly delineated (lines 13,14) because it is not clear whether a ticket sold in a city ought to be counted as being sold in the county as well.

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