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THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7 10-806, R.C.M. 1947, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND 8 REHABILITATION SERVICES TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES 9 FOR DAY-CARE FACILITIES FROM INDIANS RESIDING ON AN INDIAN 10 RESERVATION."

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

13 Section 1. Section 10-806, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 14 read as follows:

15 "10-806. Licenses issued by the state department -application by Indians -- rules -- minimum requirements of 16 licensees. (1) The state department shall issue licenses to 17 persons to receive into a day care facility, children for 18 19 care during the day or part of a day. Application for a 20 license shall be made to the state department through the county department of public welfare in the county in which 21 the applicant lives, on forms prescribed by the state 22 department. Upon receipt of the application, the county 23 24 welfare department, shall, within a reasonable time, investigate to determine whether a license should be 25

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1 granted. 2 (2) Applications by Indians residing on Indian 3 reservations_shall_be_made_through_the_trib31_governing_body 4 on forms prescribed by the state department. Applications 5 made through a tribal governing body shall be accompanied by 6 a request from the tribal governing body that the county 7 welfare department in the county in which the applicant 8 resides investigate to determine whether a license should be 9 granted. The investigation shall be made within a reasonable 10 time. 11 (2)(3) The state department shall prescribe the conditions 12 upon which licenses are issued, and shall adopt rules for 13 the conduct of the facilities which are consistent with the 14 welfare of the children received. The state department must 15 issue licenses to agencies meeting the following minimum 16 requirements+: 17 (a) The applicant, his employees, and all those 18 persons who will come in direct contact with the children 19 are of good moral character

(b) The staff of the facility is sufficient in number
to provide adequate supervision and care of the children
admitted

(c) Essential programs and practices carried on by the
facility staff are developed and carried out with due regard
for the protection of the health, safety, development, and

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1 well-being of the children z (d) Applicant and staff are qualified by practical experience or education or training, to give good care and 3 treatment to the children 4 (e) Physical facilities are of a kind that can meet 5 the minimum state standards to provide for the protection of 6 the children from fire and health hazards 7 8 (f) Intake records are kept on each child admitted for 9 care (g) The applicant and staff limits admissions to the 10 11 maximum number indicated on the current license (h) The applicant will arrange for the necessary 12 13 precautions to guard against communicable diseases (i) Public liability insurance and fire insurance is 14 currently in force for the protection of the operator, his 15 staff, and the facility." 16

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FISCAL NOTE

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n compliance with a written request received <u>February 9</u>, 19 <u>77</u>, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note or <u>House Bill 629</u> 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:

Allows SRS to receive applications for licenses for day-care facilities from Indians residing on Indian reservations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None anticipated. The Department currently licenses Indians residing on reservations as day-care operators on an individual basis. House Bill 629 would modify this procedure so all day-care applications would first go to the tribal governing board and then be forwarded to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR Office of Budget and Program Planning Date: _________