

1 SENATE BILL NO. 172
 2 INTRODUCED BY GALT, PETERSON, JERGESON, DOVER, STORY

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A TWO (2)
 5 YEAR MORATORIUM OF RAIL SERVICE ABANDONMENT; AND PROVIDING
 6 AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

9 Section 1. Declaration of policy. The legislature
 10 finds that essential rail stations and rail facilities in
 11 Montana are provided by financially solvent railroad
 12 corporations and that the current energy crisis poses
 13 several threats to the state's transportation system. It is
 14 the policy of the Montana legislature to preserve these
 15 essential rail facilities on a temporary basis until a sound
 16 transportation policy and the Federal Railroad
 17 Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1975 is
 18 responsive to the energy shortage and can be developed to
 19 strengthen the railroad system.

20 Section 2. For a period of two (2) years following the
 21 effective date of this act, the public service commission
 22 may not authorize the discontinuation or abandonment of any
 23 railroad service or facility under its jurisdiction. This
 24 section supercedes any provision to the contrary in Title
 25 72, R.C.M. 1947.

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1 Section 3. This act is effective on its passage and
 2 approval.

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