

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *208*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE
 5 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE UNITED STATES-MADE
 6 PASSENGER VEHICLES THAT ARE FUEL EFFICIENT AND TO ESTABLISH
 7 A NEW FLEET, AVERAGE FUEL EFFICIENCY LEVEL."

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

10 Section 1. Passenger vehicles fuel efficiency
 11 requirement. (1) For purposes of this section, the following
 12 definitions apply:

13 (a) "Passenger vehicle" means one which will seat no
 14 less than four or more than nine persons.

15 (b) "New fleet" means passenger vehicles purchased
 16 subsequent to June 30, 1977.

17 (c) "Fuel efficiency level" means the combined United
 18 States environmental protection agency city/highway rating
 19 for each vehicle.

20 (2) The department of administration or any other
 21 agency of state government when purchasing a passenger
 22 vehicle shall purchase such United States-made fuel
 23 efficient passenger vehicles as will attain a new fleet,
 24 average fuel efficiency level which is less than or equal to
 25 the average fuel efficiency level of the upper one-third of

1 the most fuel efficient United States-made passenger
 2 vehicles, as determined by the United States environmental
 3 protection agency.

4 (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to purchases of law
 5 enforcement vehicles used by the Montana highway patrol.

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INTRODUCED BILL

SB208

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 414-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 9, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 208 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:

Senate Bill 208 requires that the Department of Administration purchase United States' made passenger vehicles that are fuel efficient, and establishes a new fleet average fuel efficiency level.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in the 1979 biennium would be minimal. The long-range implementation of this legislation would result in a slightly decreased cost of total vehicle operation and expense. Due to additional requirements of sub-compact and compact cars, "factory assistance prices" now reserved for bidding mid-size and standard cars would be extended to the small vehicles and allow for improved bid prices. The dollar savings realized from reduced gas mileage would continue to increase due to elimination of the use of presently owned standard sized vehicles.

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