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Senate BILL NO. *217*

INTRODUCED BY *Nealy Lee Peterson Mehrens*

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION
71-1010.1, R.C.M. 1947, TO MAKE ALL SURVIVING SPOUSES OF
SILICOTICS ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS IF WIDOWED PRIOR TO MARCH
14, 1974; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

*Murphy
Joseph
Devine
Watt
Dunkle
Blaydel*

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

Section 1. Section 71-1010.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
to read as follows:

"71-1010.1. Prior surviving spouses eligible for
silicosis payments. A person who otherwise is qualified to
receive payments under section 71-1010, but whose spouse
died prior to March 14, 1974, is hereby made eligible to
~~begin receiving one-half (1/2) of~~ receive those payments
~~provided--however--a--person--is--not--eligible--for--these~~
~~payments--if--her--taxable--income--is--sixty-eight--hundred~~
~~dollars--(\$6,800)--or--more--per--year."~~

Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective on
its passage and approval.

-End-

SB 217

INTRODUCED BILL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 170-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 24, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 217 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 all surviving spouses of silicotics eligible for payments if widowed prior to March 14, 1974.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Passage and approval of the bill will be after April 1, 1977.
2. The Legislature will approve the level of funding requested by the Executive Budget for the current level benefits.
3. The number of participants will not exceed 267 in FY 78 and FY 79, and 257 in FY 77.
4. House Bill 140, increasing the benefits of silicotics to \$250 per month passes.
5. Administrative costs will not increase because of the revised benefit level.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Additional benefits			
Cost of proposed legislation	<u>\$520,650</u>	<u>\$520,650</u>	<u>\$1,041,300</u>

TECHNICAL NOTE:

A supplemental appropriation of \$125,290 will be required for FY 77 if the bill is effective on passage and approval.

Richard L. Dasinger
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-28-77

Approved by Committee
on Public Health, Welfare
& Safety

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22 SPOUSE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THESE PAYMENTS IF THEIR MARRIAGE
23 TOOK PLACE AFTER THE DATE THE DECEASED SPOUSE WAS DETERMINED
24 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SILICOSIS PAYMENTS."
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-End-

SECOND READING