1 Lenate BILL NO. 340

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION OF THE MONTANA TAXPAYERS" ASSOCIATION AT MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, OR CONVENTIONS ATTENDED BY

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

EMPLOYEES OF STATE DEPARTMENTS AT STATE EXPENSE."

Section 1. Representation at state-attended meetings of Montana taxpayers* association. (1) Whenever an employee of a state department attends a meeting, workshop, seminar, or convention and receives travel expenses pursuant to 59-538, 59-539, and 59-801, the Montana taxpayers* association may be represented at the meeting, workshop, seminar, or convention, and the representative of the association is entitled to receive travel expenses pursuant to 59-538, 59-539, and 59-801 from the department for which the employee works.

(2) The representative shall evaluate the program of the meeting, workshop, seminar, or convention and shall report in writing to the department and the taxpayers association on the value of the program to the employee and the state in general.

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FISCAL NOTE

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| In compliance with a written request received | February 4 , 19 77 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note |
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| for Senate Bill 340 pursuant t | to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. |
| Background information used in developing this Fisca | al Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members |
| of the Legislature upon request. | |
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 340 is an act to provide representation of the Montana Taxpayers' Association at meetings, workshops, seminars, or conventions attended by employees of state departments at state expense.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. That one member of the Montana Taxpayers' Association would attend one meeting a week, or 52 meetings a year.
- 2. That half the meetings would take place in Helena and, therefore, no reimbursable costs would be incurred.
- 3. That 24 meetings would take place outside Helena, but within the state. The meetings would last an average of two days (one night) and 12 would be 100 miles away from Helena and 12 would be 200 miles away.
- 4. That the final two meetings would be in Denver and San Francisco, lasting three days each (two nights).

FISCAL IMPACT:

| | FY 78 | FY 79 |
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| Expenditures: | | |
| Personal services | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Operating expenses (travel and per diem) | 2,570 | 2,570 |
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| Total expenditures | \$2, 570 | <u>\$2,570</u> |

TECHNICAL NOTE:

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning