

Senate BILL NO. 367
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~~5 the purpose of making such written reports. Reports of~~
~~6 accidents as referred to in this section shall be included~~
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INTRODUCED BILL

SB 367

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 527-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 10, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 367 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

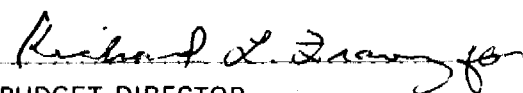
Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to amend Section 70-129 which requires the Public Service Commission to investigate and report accidents involving public utilities, to investigate only major accidents, and delete the requirement that the commission report such accidents to the Governor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-21-77

Approved by Committee
on Highways & Transportation

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 367

1. Amend title, line 7.

Following: "GOVERNOR;"

Insert: "AND RELATING TO REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS BY PUBLIC UTILITIES;"

2. Amend page 1, section 1, subsection (2), line 24.

Following: "accident"

Insert: "in the public utility's operation and resulting in death or injury to any person of such gravity as to require hospitalization"

3. Amend page 2, section 1, subsection (2), line 4.

Following: "accident."

Insert: "For any other accident occurring in a public utility's operation and resulting in injury, a public utility shall submit a written report to the commission within the 20 days after the occurrence of the accident."

AS AMENDED

BE CONCURRED IN

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IN DEATH OR INJURY TO ANY PERSON OF SUCH GRAVITY AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION, ~~such as is mentioned above~~ to report by ~~telegram~~ the accident within 24 hours THE NEXT TWO BUSINESS DAYS, followed by written report, ~~the same to the commission~~ in which report shall be stated the time and place of accident, the names of persons killed or injured, and in concise form the nature and cause of such accident. FOR ANY OTHER ACCIDENT OCCURRING IN A PUBLIC UTILITY'S OPERATION AND RESULTING IN INJURY, A PUBLIC UTILITY SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE 20 DAYS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF THE ACCIDENT. The commission shall prescribe forms for the purpose of making such written reports. ~~Reports of accidents as referred to in this section shall be included in the commission's annual report to the governor"~~

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