

1 *Senate* BILL NO. 371
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE OPERATORS OF
 5 CERTAIN AIR COMPRESSORS TO BE LICENSED BY THE DIVISION OF
 6 WORKERS' COMPENSATION."

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

9 Section 1. Air compressor operator's license required
 10 -- exemption. (1) No person may operate an air compressor
 11 with a capacity of over 300 cubic feet per minute (c.f.m.)
 12 and 100 pounds per square inch pressure (p.s.i.) unless he
 13 holds a valid air compressor operator's license issued by
 14 the division of workers' compensation.

15 (2) This section does not prevent or affect the
 16 operation of an air compressor by a person holding a valid
 17 engineer's license issued pursuant to 69-1501 through
 18 69-1517.

19 Section 2. Application -- examination -- issuance of
 20 license. (1) The division of workers' compensation shall
 21 issue an air compressor operator's license to an applicant
 22 who passes a written examination prescribed by the division.
 23 The examination shall adequately test the applicant's
 24 knowledge with respect to the safe and efficient operation
 25 of air compressors.

1 (2) The division may fix fees in amounts commensurate
 2 with costs for application, examination, and the issuance of
 3 a license.

4 Section 3. Renewal. (1) An air compressor operator's
 5 license expires on December 31 of each year.

6 (2) A license may be renewed on payment to the
 7 division of workers' compensation of a renewal fee fixed by
 8 the division in a reasonable amount. The division may
 9 charge an additional fee for late renewal.

10 Section 4. Revocation or suspension of license. The
 11 division of workers' compensation may suspend or revoke an
 12 air compressor operator's license if, after reasonable
 13 investigation and proper hearing, a licensee is found to be
 14 derelict or incompetent with respect to the operation of air
 15 compressors.

16 Section 5. Rulemaking. The division of workers'
 17 compensation may adopt rules for the proper administration
 18 of this act.

19 Section 6. Penalty. A person who operates an air
 20 compressor in violation of [section 1] is guilty of a
 21 misdemeanor.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 345-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 2, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 371 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:

Requires operators of certain air compressors to be licensed.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. 100 licenses would be issued.
2. Present boiler inspectors will be able to assume responsibility for holding examinations, etc.
3. Increase in office workload would be minimal.
4. The adopted fee schedule would parallel that which now effects boiler licensing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Additional fee collections	\$2,000	\$ 400	\$2,400
Additional operating costs	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>800</u>
Net increase in revenues due to proposed legislation	<u>\$1,600</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$1,600</u>

LONG-RANGE EFFECT:

After the first year, revenue would probably be offset by costs of administering the act.

TECHNICAL NOTE:

Section 3 - The license expiration date should coincide with the issue date. It is suggested that the renewal date be the annual anniversary date.

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