

HOUSE BILL 715

IN THE HOUSE

February 10, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.
February 20, 1979	Report adopted. Objection.
February 23, 1979	Second reading, as amended, do not pass.

House
 Conroy BILL NO. 715
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF
 5 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO ADOPT THE FEDERAL
 6 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE
 7 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA); TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO
 8 ADOPT, AFTER ASSESSMENT, STANDARDS FOR SUBSTANCES NOT HAVING
 9 EPA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION
 10 75-2-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

13 Section 1. Section 75-2-202, MCA, is amended to read:

14 "75-2-202. Board to set ambient air quality standards.

15 (1) ~~The board shall establish adopt by reference the federal~~
 16 ~~ambient air quality standards for the state promulgated by~~
 17 ~~the environmental protection agency (EPA).~~

18 (2) ~~If a substance does not have an EPA ambient air~~
 19 ~~quality standard and a standard is necessary to protect~~
 20 ~~human health and welfare, the board may adopt such a~~
 21 ~~standard for the state after conducting an assessment~~
 22 ~~pursuant to subsection (1).~~

23 (3) ~~For the purposes of this section, "assessment"~~
 24 ~~means:~~

25 (a) ~~reviewing existing research of the substance;~~

1 (b) ~~taking ambient air measurements from appropriate~~
 2 ~~sites within the state;~~

3 (c) ~~evaluating the types and cost of controls needed~~
 4 ~~by the affected industries;~~

5 (d) ~~evaluating the effect of the proposed standard on~~
 6 ~~energy resources and employment; and~~

7 (e) ~~analyzing the environmental, economic, and social~~
 8 ~~impact of the proposed standard."~~

9 Section 2. Assessment of existing standards. Prior to
 10 January 1, 1980, the board shall conduct an assessment of
 11 existing ambient air quality standards promulgated by the
 12 board that are for substances not having EPA ambient air
 13 quality standards.

14 Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective on
 15 passage and approval.

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