

CHAPTER 'NO. 602

SENATE BILL NO. 71

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IN THE SENATE

January 5, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
January 12, 1979	Fiscal note requested.
January 18, 1979	Fiscal note returned.
January 20, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 22, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
January 23, 1979	Statement of Intent distributed prior to second reading. Second reading, do pass.
January 24, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 25, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE HOUSE

January 26, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
April 11, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 12, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
April 16, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

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April 16, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 13-79

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received January 13, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 71 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

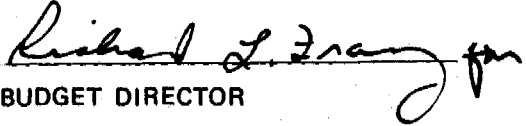
Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION

An act to establish courses of instruction and examination for Department of Revenue appraisers and to require all appraisers to become certified within a year.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1/18/79

Approved by Committee
on Taxation

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