

SENATE BILL 159

IN THE SENATE

January 18, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
January 19, 1979	Fiscal note requested.
January 24, 1979	Fiscal note returned.
February 7, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.

1 *Amended* BILL NO. *159*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Sen. Norman Olson*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PROGRAM
 5 FOR THE PREVENTION OF RH HEMOLYTIC DISEASE; AMENDING SECTION
 6 50-1-202, MCA."
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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Section 50-1-202, MCA, is amended to read:
 10 "50-1-202. General powers and duties. The department
 11 shall:

- 12 (1) study conditions affecting the citizens of the
- 13 state by making use of birth, death, and sickness records;
- 14 (2) make investigations, disseminate information, and
- 15 make recommendations for control of diseases and improvement
- 16 of public health to persons, groups, or the public;
- 17 (3) at the request of the governor, administer any
- 18 federal health program for which responsibilities are
- 19 delegated to states;
- 20 (4) inspect and work in conjunction with custodial
- 21 institutions and Montana university system units
- 22 periodically as necessary and at other times on request of
- 23 the governor;
- 24 (5) after each inspection made under subsection (4) of
- 25 this section, submit a written report on sanitary conditions

- 1 to the governor and to the director of institutions or
- 2 commissioner of higher education and include recommendations
- 3 for improvement in conditions if necessary;
- 4 (6) advise state agencies on location, drainage, water
- 5 supply, disposal of excreta, heating, plumbing, sewer
- 6 systems, and ventilation of public buildings;
- 7 (7) organize laboratory services and provide equipment
- 8 and personnel for those services;
- 9 (8) develop and administer activities for the
- 10 protection and improvement of dental health and supervise
- 11 dentists employed by the state, local boards of health, or
- 12 schools;
- 13 (9) develop and administer a program to protect the
- 14 health of mothers and children;
- 15 (10) conduct health education programs;
- 16 (11) supervise school and local public health nurses in
- 17 the performance of their duties;
- 18 (12) consult with the superintendent of public
- 19 instruction on health measures for schools;
- 20 (13) develop and administer a program for services to
- 21 handicapped children including diagnosis, medical, surgical,
- 22 and corrective treatment, and after-care and related
- 23 services;
- 24 ~~(14) develop and administer a statewide program for~~
- 25 ~~the prevention of Rh hemolytic disease;~~

1 ~~†14~~(15) supervise local boards of health;
2 ~~†15~~(16) bring actions in court for the enforcement of
3 the health laws and defend actions brought against the board
4 or department;

5 ~~†16~~(17) accept and expend federal funds available for
6 public health services;

7 ~~†17~~(18) have the power to use personnel of local
8 departments of health to assist in the administration of
9 laws relating to public health; and

10 ~~†18~~(19) adopt rules imposing fees for the tests and
11 services performed by the laboratory of the department. In
12 adopting a rule imposing fees, the department may establish
13 only a fee that will reimburse the department for the costs
14 incurred in performing tests and services. All fees shall be
15 deposited in the general fund."

16 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Department to furnish
17 globulin without charge. The department shall furnish
18 without charge anti-Rh globulin, when prescribed by a
19 physician for the prevention of Rh hemolytic disease, to a
20 patient who cannot pay for the drug because of financial
21 hardship.

22 Section 3. Codification. Section 2 is intended to be
23 codified as an integral part of Title 50, chapter 19, and
24 the provisions contained in Title 50, chapter 19, apply to
25 section 2.

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STATE OF MONTANA

Request No. 50-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 19, 1979, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 159 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:

Senate Bill 159 is an act to authorize a program for the prevention of RH Hemolytic Disease.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Nine percent of Montana births (1,350 cases) are RH incompatible.
2. The cost per unit of RH immune globulin is \$35.
3. Inflation will increase costs 6% per year.
4. One half-time professional nurse and one full-time clerical employee will be required to support the program.
5. Approximately 13% of child bearing mothers are hardship cases.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 80</u>	<u>FY 81</u>
Personal Services	\$19,025	\$20,160
Operating Costs	8,150	8,640
Capital Outlay	<u>2,000</u>	<u>---</u>
Total additional expenditures due to proposed legislation	<u>\$29,175</u>	<u>\$28,800</u>

The additional expenditures must be supported with State General Fund monies.

LOCAL IMPACT:

None.

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 Date: 1/24/79