SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

IN THE SENATE

February	12,	1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February	16,	1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.

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ALL JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 1 INTRODUCED BY 2 3 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF 4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE 5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION AND REQUESTING THE 6 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REQUIRE 7 8 COMMERCIAL BUSLINES TO INSTALL SEATBELTS FOR PASSENGERS. 9 10 WHEREAS, there is a high risk of death, injury, and 11 property damage while driving the state's highways; and 12 WHEREAS, there are no federal or state regulations requiring commercial buslines to provide seatbelts for its 13 passengers; and 14 WHEREAS, there is a 57% chance of survival in an 15 accident when a seatbelt is worn; and 16 WHEREAS, there is an increased chance of survival in 17 18 accidents at high speeds when a seatbelt is worn; and WHEREAS, a study conducted by the Montana Department of 19 20 Highways indicates that 43% of all buses traveling in Montana exceed the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit. 21 22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE 23

24 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

25 That the Department of Public Service Regulation is

directed to require all intrastate commercial buslines to
 provide seatbelts for their passengers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States
Department of Transportation is urged to require all
interstate commercial buslines to provide seatbelts for
their passengers.

7 9E IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State is 8 directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary 9 of the United States Department of Transportation, to each 10 member of Montana's Congressional Delegation, and to each 11 member of the Montana Public Service Commission.

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