House Bill 487

In The House

January 26, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.		
February 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.		
February 23, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.		
	Rereferred to Committee on Business and Industry.		
April 23, 1981	Died in Committee.		

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE AND FIX REASONABLE RATES FOR CLASS D MOTOR CARRIERS IF REQUIRED FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-12-201 AND 69-12-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 69-12-201, MCA, is amended to read:

#69-12-201. Supervision and regulation of motor

carriers. (1) The commission is hereby vested with power and

authority and it is hereby made its duty to:

- (a) supervise and regulate every motor carrier in thisstate;
- 17 (b) fix, alter, regulate, and determine specific,
 18 just, reasonable, equal, nondiscriminatory, and sufficient
 19 rates, fares, charges, and classifications for Class A and
 20 Class B motor carriers;
- 21 (c) regulate the properties, facilities, operations, 22 accounts, service, practices, affairs, and safety of 23 operations of all motor carriers;
- 24 (d) require the filing of annual and other reports.
 25 tariffs, schedules, or other data by such motor carriers;

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- (e) supervise and regulate motor carriers in all matters affecting the relationship between such motor carriers and the traveling and shipping public.
 - (2) The commission shall have nower and authority by general order or otherwise to prescribe rules in conformity with this chapter and applicable to any and all motor carriers.
 - (3) The commission also may fix and determine reasonable maximum or minimum rates for the operations of any Class C or Class D motor carrier when the same are required for the best interests of public transportation.

Section 2. Section 69-12-502, NCA, is amended to read:

"69-12-502. Prohibition on deviation from rate
schedules. It shall be unlawful for any Class A or B motor
carrier to charge, demand, receive, or collect any greater
or less rate, charge, or fare than that fixed by the
commission for the transportation service provided. When
maximum or minimum rates have been established for any
service provided by any Class C or Class D motor carrier, it
shall likewise be unlawful for such carrier to charge,
demand, receive, or collect any greater compensation or rate
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maximum rate or any less compensation or rate than that
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- to refund or remit, in any manner or by any device, anyportion of the rates, fares, and charges required to be
- collected under the schedule of the Class A or B carrier on
- file with the commission or under the maximum or minimum
- 7 rates established by the commission for the Class C or Class
- 8 D carrier.*
- 9 Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective on
- 10 passage and approval.

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Approved by Committee on Business and Industry

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