House Bill 705

In The House

February 10, 1981 Introduced and referred to Committee on Human

Services.

February 20, 1981 Committee recommend bill

do not pass.

1	HOUSE BILL NO. 705
2	NTRODUCED BY Chila

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING TIMELY PAYMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS."

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

Section 1. Rules required -- timely payment to recipient. The department shall adopt rules assuring that the providers of health care services to recipients of medical assistance receive payment no later than the 10th day of the month following the month that such payment is billed to the department.

Section 2. Interest on late payments. (1) If payment for medical assistance is not received in a timely manner as required by [section 1] and the rules adopted pursuant to that section, the health care provider may notify the department by the 20th day of the month in which payment is due and the department shall include in the next payment to that health care provider, in addition to the initial payment, interest computed at the maximum legal interest rate on the delinquent payment and accumulated on a daily

- 1 basis from the 10th day of the month following the month
- 2 that such payment was billed to the department.
- 3 (2) The department shall promulgate rules establishing
- 4 an expeditious method of validating claims under this
- 5 section.
- 6 Section 3. Codification instruction. Sections 1 and 2
- 7 are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53,
- 8 chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter
 - 6, part 1, apply to sections 1 and 2.

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