

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY DUSSAULT, OLSON, HOLLIDAY, BENGTSON, BURNETT
BY REQUEST OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING
AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

IN THE HOUSE

January 10, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
January 23, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 26, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 28, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
January 29, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
January 30, 1981	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

January 31, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
March 5, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 9, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 11, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.

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March 12, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO CAUTION MOTHERS AND RETAILERS ABOUT THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN DRUGS ON UNBORN CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, many prescription and nonprescription drugs, including alcoholic beverages, are harmful to the fetus when ingested by a pregnant woman; and

WHEREAS, many such potentially harmful drugs are available over the counter without a physician's prescription; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for more concentrated public education directed toward pregnant women; and

WHEREAS, particular emphasis should be placed on warning pregnant women about the possible dangers involved in the use of certain commonly available but potentially toxic drugs; and

WHEREAS, the list of drugs which are known to be harmful to pregnant women is continuously growing; and

WHEREAS, even drugs which are not potentially harmful, when taken concurrently with other drugs, can be harmful to a pregnant woman; and

WHEREAS, fetal alcohol syndrome is increasingly known to be a serious problem in the incidence of birth defects, particularly mental retardation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences is strongly urged to assume the responsibility for printing or obtaining from other sources posters or notices warning of the potential dangers to pregnant women of prescription and nonprescription drugs, including alcoholic beverages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department is strongly urged to encourage Montana retailers who sell these products to post such notices in conspicuous locations in their establishments, and that the Department is strongly urged to distribute the posters or notices to retailers willing to post them.

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Approved by Comm. On Human Services

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