

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

Introduced: 01/03/83

Referred to Committee on Human Services: 01/03/83

Hearing: 1/10/83

Report: 01/10/83, do Pass

Referred to Committee on Appropriations: 01/11/83

Indefinitely Postponed: 2/21/83

Bill Billed

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

INTRODUCED BY McBRIDE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 39-73-109, MCA, TO MAKE UNIFORM THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF SILICOSIS VICTIMS."

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

Section 1. Section 39-73-109, MCA, is amended to read:

"39-73-109. Payment of benefits to surviving spouse.

~~(1) Upon the death~~ The surviving spouse of a person ~~receiving who had received~~ payments for silicosis under 39-73-104 or 39-73-108, ~~the surviving spouse,~~ as long as such spouse remains unmarried, is entitled to receive the payments granted the deceased spouse.

~~(2) A person who otherwise is qualified to receive payments under subsection (1) of this section but whose spouse died prior to March 14, 1974, is hereby made eligible to begin receiving one-half of those payments, provided, however, a person is not eligible for these payments if such spouse's taxable income is \$6,888 or more per year.~~

-End-

INTRODUCED BILL

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 052-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 6, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 48 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). 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:

House Bill 48 amends Section 39-73-109, making the eligibility requirements and benefit payments for surviving spouses of silicosis victims uniform and eliminates the \$6800 taxable income limitation.

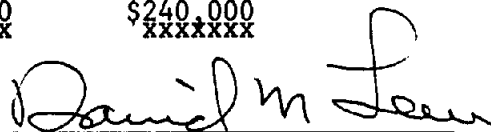
ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1.) That benefit payments for silicotics will remain at \$200 per month.
- 2.) That the number of spouses now receiving reduced and limited benefits will remain the same or decrease.
- 3.) That the administrative expense involved in making this change will be negligible.
- 4.) That a maximum of 20 spouses will apply and receive benefits who are ineligible because of the \$6800 taxable income limitation under current law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
	<u>Current Law</u>	
180 spouses in 1984/160 spouses in 1985 @ \$100/Month.	<u>\$216,000</u>	<u>\$192,000</u>
	<u>Proposed Law</u>	
200 spouses in 1984/180 spouses in 1985 @ \$200/Month.	<u>\$480,000</u>	<u>\$432,000</u>
Additional Funding Required From General Fund.	<u>\$264,000</u> xxxxxxx	<u>\$240,000</u> xxxxxxx

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: _____

Approved by Comm. On Human Services

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SECOND READING

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