

HOUSE BILL NO. 681

Introduced: 02/08/83

Referred to Committee on Appropriations: 02/08/83

Hearing: 2/20/83

Report: 02/21/83, Do Pass

Indefinitely Postponed 2/23/83

Bill Killed

1 *House* BILL NO. *681*  
2 INTRODUCED BY *Devin Vinger* *Beatehse* *Quilley*  
3 *Byron* *John* *E. Smith* *Bliss*  
4 BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PREVENT THE *Maxwell*  
5 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FROM  
6 REFUSING MEDICAL PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TREATED  
7 IN HOSPITAL BEDS THAT CAN ALSO SERVE AS NURSING HOME BEDS;  
8 AMENDING SECTION 53-6-102, MCA."

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

11 Section 1. Section 53-6-102, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "53-6-102. Mandate to fully provide services. (1)  
13 Medical services shall be provided to the fullest extent  
14 that moneys appropriated, collected, accumulated, or matched  
15 from any source by the department of social and  
16 rehabilitation services will allow. If funds are inadequate,  
17 priorities of the foregoing items and amounts of medical  
18 assistance shall be determined by the department. The  
19 department shall establish standards of assistance.

20 ~~(2) The department may not refuse to provide medical~~  
21 ~~services to eligible individuals who are treated in hospital~~  
22 ~~beds that can also serve as nursing home beds if such dual~~  
23 ~~usage is approved by the department of health and~~  
24 ~~environmental sciences."~~

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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 363-83

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 9, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 681 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 684 would prevent the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services from refusing medical payments for eligible individuals treated in hospital beds that can also serve as nursing home beds.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) Facilities qualified for swing bed participation - 45
- 2) Beds available for swing status - 1101
- 3) Average occupancy rural hospitals - 40%
- 4) Medicaid occupancy of beds - 62%
- 5) Rate paid for care - 1984 - \$41.89  
1985 - \$44.23

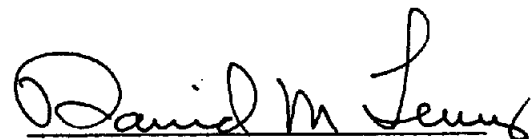
FISCAL IMPACT:

It is estimated this proposal would increase state expenditures as follows:

	<u>FY84</u>	<u>FY85</u>
General Fund	\$2,396,500	\$2,530,455
Federal Funds	<u>3,865,714</u>	<u>4,081,565</u>
Total Increase	<u>\$6,262,294</u>	<u>\$6,612,111</u>

It is also possible that the increased utilization resulting from this proposal could create a savings for other purchasers of health care; i.e., the federal medicare program.

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Date: 2-14-83

## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 490-83

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 23, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 681, Amended pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The amendment to House Bill 681 allows the department to develop rules for requirements regarding beds available to be utilized by Medicaid beneficiaries requiring long term care.

The potential fiscal impact of this bill would be the same as in the original fiscal note as shown below:

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If it is assumed that the existing policy of the Health Department (which would need to be a rule) were to be maintained, then only half of the beds qualifying for long term care status would be authorized for payment. The fiscal impact would be as follows:

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	<u>FY84</u>	<u>FY85</u>
General Fund	\$1,198,290	\$1,265,227
Federal Funds	<u>1,932,857</u>	<u>2,040,828</u>
Total Increase	<u>\$3,131,147</u>	<u>\$3,306,055</u>

Rules could be adopted which would further affect the availability of beds for long term care and thus affect the fiscal impact but the impact cannot be quantified until the rules are developed.

Approved by Comm.  
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