# HOUSE BILL NO. 750

# INTRODUCED BY DOZIER

# IN THE HOUSE

February 12, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
February 21, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 22, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 23, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
	Considered correctly engrossed.
	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.
IN THE	SENATE
March 1, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
March 23, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 25, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 28, 1983	
Maich 20, 1903	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 0.
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April 4, 1983 On motion, Conference Committee requested. Conference Committee appointed. April 15, 1983 Conference Committee reported. Second reading, Conference Committee report adopted. Third reading, Conference Committee report adopted. April 16, 1983 Conference Committee report adopted by Senate. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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7	CLARIFY WHEN TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES MAY BE TAXED AS
B	PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND
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schedules of the department of revenue.

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5	upon, erected upon, or affixed to land. When the department
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9	be an improvement to real property. If—the-mobile-home-or
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6	which cannot feasibly be relocated and only when the wheel:
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- 21 (5) Property described in subsection (1)(d) is taxed 22 at 8.55% of its market value multiplied by a percentage 23 figure based on income and determined from the following 24 table:
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  make an affidavit to the department of revenue, on a form

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11 twelve property -- when. All class twelve property is
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13 arrival in the county if the taxes have not been previously
14 paid for that year in another county in Montana.

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#### STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 414-83

#### FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

lń	complianc	e with	a written	request received February 15	, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note
for	House	Bill	750	pursuant to Title 5, Chapter	4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).
Bac	ckground i	nforma	tion used ir	developing this Fiscal Note is available fr	om the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members
of	the Legisla	ature u	oon reques	•	

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 750 establishes a new class of property for taxation purposes to include trailers and mobile homes, regardless of size, used as residences; clarifies when trailers and mobile homes may be taxed as personal property; provides for initial assessment and taxation.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact from House Bill 750. There is the possibility of indirect costs since House Bill 750 may create a case similar to the 34% case of 1982 which cost the state more than \$250,000 for litigation. In addition, the state was forced to reduce commercial property appraisals by 12% resulting in decreased revenues to the state.

#### COMMENTS:

Possibly the best way to illustrate the situation that will be created under House Bill 750 is through example.

#### Example 1:

Owner A owns a 1975 Redmond mobile home and the land on which it is placed. Using the criteria found in House Bill 750, this would be classified as class 4 property and would be appraised cyclically by an appraiser. The tax would be computed as follows:

8.55% x the appraised value (current appraisal value is as of 1972) x county mill levy = taxes to be paid by Owner A.

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Date: \_

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#### Example 2:

Owner B also owns a 1975 Redmond mobile home but leases the land where the home is located. Owner B's mobile home would be classified a class 12 under the criteria in House Bill 750. Owner B's mobile home, however, would be assessed at its blue book value for the current year. This would preclude consideration of the mobile home's current condition (which may be much worse than owner A's home) and may result in a higher appraised value than Owner A's home. The tax for B's mobile home would be computed as follows:

8.55% x blue book value for current year x county mill levy = taxes paid by Owner B.

#### Result:

A disparity in tax treatment between Owner A and Owner B which could result in litigation.

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25	schedules of the department of revenue.

# THIRD READING

There are no changes in  $\frac{HB750}{}$ , and due to length will not be rerun. Please refer to yellow copy for complete text.

#### STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO.

496-83.

#### FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received March 16, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House, Bill 750. Amended pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. 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 750, amended establishes a new class of property for taxation purposes to include trailers and mobile homes, regardless of size, used as residences.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The amended version of House Bill 750 has no fiscal impact.

#### COMMENTS:

House Bill 750 will not affect the appraisal of mobile homes. It will clarify the time period in which certain mobile home owners will pay their taxes. Owners of mobile homes with wheels removed and on a permanent foundation will pay taxes on their homes in November and May. Owners of mobile homes with the wheels removed but not on a permanent foundation will pay taxes in June and September.

FISCAL NOTE 17: N/1

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 5-1 1 8 3

## SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT (Taxation)

That House Bill No. 750 be amended as follows:

1. Title, lines 8 and 9.

Strike: "TO PROVIDE FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION;"

2. Page 2, line 18.
Following: "improvements""

Strike: "includes" Insert: "means"

3. Page 2, line 19.
Following: "improvements" Insert: "to mobile homes"

4. Page 2, lines 20 and 21.

Strike: "individual and improvements to a building by a lessee"
Insert: "person"

5. Page 2, line 24.

Following: "ON"

Insert: "such"

Following: "<a href="mailto:IMPROVEMENTS"</a>

Strike: "can be" Insert: "are"

6. Page 2, line 25.

Following: "on"

Strike: "the"

Insert: "such"

7. Page 9, line 14.

Strike: section 5 in its entirety

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5	CLASS OF PROPERTY FOR TAXATION PURPOSES TO INCLUDE TRAILERS
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- 13 tax levies for the purpose of raising public revenue.
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- (ii) a widow or widower of any age with dependent children who qualifies under the income limitations of (iii) of this subsection; or
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9	2,801 - 3,600	3,001 - 4,000	30%
IO	3,601 - 4,400	4,001 - 5,000	40%
11	4,401 - 5,200	5,001 - 6,000	50%
12	5+201 - 6+000	6.001 - 7.000	60%
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- <u>NEW\_SECTION</u>. Section 4. Class twelve property -description -- taxable percentage. [1] Class twelve property
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  6 occupied for at least 10 months a year as the primary
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9	4+4015+200	5 <del>-8816-88</del> 8	50%
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# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 750 (Report No. 1)

Mr. Speaker

We, your Conference Committee on Senate amendments to House Bill 750, met and considered Senate Taxation Committee amendments of March 23, 1983.

We recommend as follows:



That the House accede to Senate Taxation Committee amendments 2 through 6;

That the Senate recede from Senate Taxation Committee amendments 1 and 7; and

That this Conference Committee Report be adopted.

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CLERICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCE COPY (Salmon)

Strike Senate Taxation Committee amendments 1 and 7

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9	3+6914+499	4+0015+000	46%
10	4+4015+200	5+0016+000	5 <del>9 %</del>
11	5+2816+888	6y8917y899	69%
12	6+0016+800	7+0010+000	70%
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#### ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (2)(B) DE 15-6-134.

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- 2 previously paid for that year in another county in Montana.
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