

HOUSE BILL NO. 774

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Ally Vincent Ramsey Kemmis*
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12 or practice as a licensed or certified shorthand reporter in
13 that state, district, territory, or country were
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22 act].

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4 him. No certified shorthand reporter may:

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6 to any transcript of testimony not prepared by him; or

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8 shorthand reporter unless holding a valid certificate
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21 provisions of [this act].

22 (2) Any person who violates this section is guilty of
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24 of not less than \$50 and not exceeding \$200 for each
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12 (3) violation of any of the provisions of [this act]
13 or rules adopted by the supreme court;

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15 to renew authority to hold oneself out for practice as a
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17 territory, or country or any court or agency thereof for any
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 403-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 14, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 774 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 LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

House Bill 774 is an act creating a classification of shorthand reporters to be known as certified shorthand reporters; authorizes the Supreme Court to appoint an examining board to assist the court in issuing certificates; authorizes the Supreme Court to give examinations, grant certificates, adopt rules, and revoke, suspend or refuse to renew certificates; requires fees to be paid to the Clerk of the Supreme Court; requires certification of transcripts; requires renewal of certificates; and provides a penalty.

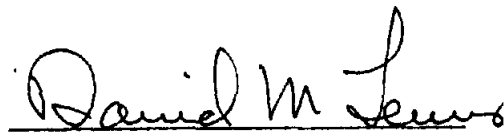
ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) Costs are based on 60 court reporters per year being certified by the Supreme Court.
- 2) The court would require .25 FTE to assist the board with its duties.
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- 5) The board would require \$4,000 the first year for contracted services with the National Shorthand Reporter's Association for assistance in designing and setting up the exam and developing the rules.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY84</u>	<u>FY85</u>
Expenditures:		
Personal Services	\$7,214	\$3,214
Operating Expenses	<u>2,050</u>	<u>1,150</u>
Total Expenditures under Proposed Law	<u>\$9,264</u>	<u>\$4,364</u>

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Date: 2-18-83

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(4) Each applicant for certification by examination

shall pay an examination fee established in accordance with [section 9].

~~(5) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA FOR 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT] AND WHO DURING THAT TIME HAS BEEN PRINCIPALLY ENGAGED IN THE PROFESSION OF COURT REPORTING AND HAS BEEN PRACTICING CONTINUOUSLY AS A SHORTHAND REPORTER MUST, UPON APPLICATION THEREFORE AND PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEE, BE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE WITHOUT EXAMINATION IF APPLICATION FOR THE CERTIFICATE IS MADE NO LATER THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT].~~

Section 7. Reciprocity -- fee. (1) The court in its discretion may waive the examination and issue a certificate as a certified shorthand reporter to any person otherwise eligible therefor who is the holder of a certificate or license as a shorthand reporter, issued under the laws of any state, the United States, the District of Columbia, or any territory or foreign country, allowing him to hold himself out or practice as a licensed or certified shorthand reporter in such state, district, territory, or country if:

(a) the requirements entitling him to hold himself out or practice as a licensed or certified shorthand reporter in that state, district, territory, or country were substantially equivalent to those in force in the state of Montana at the time the certificate was originally issued;

and

(b) that state, district, territory, or country extends similar privileges to shorthand reporters certified under [this act].

(2) Every applicant for whom the examination is waived shall pay a reciprocity fee established by the court in accordance with [section 9].

Section 8. Renewal of certificate. (1) A certificate issued by the court under the provisions of [this act] expires on December 31 of each year and may be renewed by a certified shorthand reporter in good standing upon payment to the court of the annual renewal fee.

(2) A certified shorthand reporter whose certificate has expired may at any time within 5 years after expiration of the certificate have his certificate reinstated without examination, upon payment to the clerk of the court of a reinstatement fee plus all lapsed annual renewal fees.

Section 9. Fees -- disposition. (1) The court shall establish nonrefundable examination, reciprocity, renewal, and reinstatement fees commensurate with the cost of administering the examination, determining if reciprocal privileges are to be extended to an applicant, renewing a certificate, or reinstating a certificate.

(2) All fees must be paid to the clerk of the court.

(3) An applicant may be reexamined within 18 months of

1 payment of an examination fee without payment of an
2 additional fee.

3 (4) All fees collected under this section must be
4 credited to the shorthand reporters account which is
5 established within the earmarked revenue fund for use by the
6 court and the board to implement the provisions of [this
7 act].

8 Section 10. Duty to certify transcripts -- use of
9 initials. (1) Every shorthand reporter certified under [this
10 act] shall have a seal that must contain the name of the
11 shorthand reporter, his place of business, and the words
12 "certified shorthand reporter, state of Montana", which seal
13 he shall stamp on all transcripts of testimony prepared by
14 him. No certified shorthand reporter may:

15 (a) affix or permit his seal or his name to be affixed
16 to any transcript of testimony not prepared by him; or

17 (b) use his seal or do any act as a certified
18 shorthand reporter unless holding a valid certificate
19 issued under [this act] at the time.

20 (2) A person certified as a certified shorthand
21 reporter under the provisions of [this act] is entitled to
22 use the words "certified shorthand reporter" or the initials
23 "C.S.R." following his name on any document prepared by him.

24 Section 11. Penalty for illegal use of title. (1) No
25 person may assume or use the title or designation "certified

1 shorthand reporter", the abbreviation "C.S.R.", or any other
2 title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, or device
3 tending to indicate that such person has been certified as a
4 certified shorthand reporter under [this act] unless that
5 person holds a current certificate issued under the
6 provisions of [this act].

7 (2) Any person who violates this section is guilty of
8 a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine
9 of not less than \$50 and not exceeding \$200 for each
10 offense. Each day of violation is considered a separate
11 offense under this section.

12 Section 12. Revocation, suspension, or refusal to
13 renew certificate. After an opportunity for a hearing under
14 the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, the court may
15 revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any certificate issued
16 under [this act] for any one or any combination of the
17 following causes:

18 (1) fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate as a
19 certified shorthand reporter under [this act];

20 (2) dishonesty, fraud, or gross negligence in the
21 practice of shorthand reporting;

22 (3) violation of any of the provisions of [this act]
23 or rules adopted by the supreme court;

24 (4) cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal
25 to renew authority to hold oneself out for practice as a

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1 certified shorthand reporter by any state, district,
2 territory, or country or any court or agency thereof for any
3 cause other than failure to pay an annual registration fee
4 in such other state, district, territory, or country.

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Judiciary)

That House Bill No. 774 be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 24.
Following: "writing"
Insert: "or electronic means, if the reporter is certified
in shorthand or machine writing,"
2. Page 5, lines 3 through 11.
Strike: subsection (5) in its entirety.