

HOUSE BILL NO. 839

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1 House BILL NO. 839
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ENERGY
5 AUDITS BE PERFORMED ON BUILDINGS OWNED OR LEASED BY THE
6 STATE AND TO REQUIRE THAT COST-EFFICIENT ENERGY CONSERVATION
7 MEASURES BE IMPLEMENTED IN SUCH BUILDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN
8 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
11 Section 1. State buildings -- energy audits. (1) On or
12 before April 1, 1984, each state agency responsible for the
13 operation of a building owned or leased by the state shall
14 contract with a certified auditor for the performance of an
15 energy audit on each building operated by the agency for the
16 purpose of identifying all energy conservation measures,
17 including but not limited to cost-efficient energy
18 conservation measures, that may be implemented.
19 (2) As used in this act, a cost-efficient energy
20 conservation measure means any expenditure for equipment,
21 maintenance, or operation of a building that requires no
22 significant expenditure of funds and that will result in
23 energy cost savings in an amount equal to or greater than
24 the cost of implementing the measure within the 12-month
25 period following implementation.

1 (3) Each state agency subject to the provisions of
2 this act shall award contracts for audits on a competitive
3 bidding basis to auditors certified by the department of
4 natural resources and conservation. A state agency may
5 contract with an auditor for more than one audit under this
6 act.
7 (4) Audits performed under this act must be conducted
8 in accordance with standard procedures prescribed by the
9 department of natural resources and conservation, and the
10 results of each audit must be reported promptly to that
11 department.
12 Section 2. Exemptions. The following buildings are
13 exempt from the audit requirements of this act:
14 (1) any building owned or leased by the state that has
15 received an energy audit since July 1, 1977, and for which
16 all cost-efficient energy conservation measures identified
17 by the audit have been implemented;
18 (2) any building leased by the state for which the
19 state does not pay the energy costs.
20 Section 3. Implementation of energy conservation
21 measures. (1) If an energy audit completed on a building
22 under section 1 identifies a cost-efficient energy
23 conservation measure that could be implemented, the state
24 agency operating the building shall promptly commence
25 implementation of the measure.

1 (2) Full implementation of all conservation measures
2 under this act must occur no later than June 30, 1985.

3 (3) Implementation of cost-efficient energy
4 conservation measures under this act may be performed by the
5 state agency operating the building or by persons under
6 contract with that agency who have experience in the
7 implementation of cost-efficient energy conservation
8 measures and who have been awarded contracts on a
9 competitive bidding basis.

10 Section 4. Costs. All costs incurred for the
11 performance of audits or for the implementation of
12 cost-efficient energy measures on any building under this
13 act must be paid out of existing funds budgeted for the
14 energy utility costs of operating the building.

15 Section 5. Inspections. (1) Following implementation
16 of a cost-efficient energy conservation measure in a
17 building under this act, the state agency operating the
18 building shall promptly notify the department of natural
19 resources and conservation.

20 (2) The department may conduct inspections of
21 buildings for which cost-efficient energy conservation
22 measures have been implemented under this act to determine
23 whether the measures have been properly implemented.

24 (3) If upon inspection the department determines that
25 a cost-efficient energy conservation measure has not been

1 properly implemented, the department shall notify the state
2 agency operating the building, which shall promptly rectify
3 the inadequacy of the implementation.

4 Section 6. Effective date. This act is effective on
5 passage and approval.

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