

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

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1/12 Referred to Natural Resources
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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 158

2 INTRODUCED BY Mr. Hanson Secretary Justice
3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE
6 INSPECTION INTERVAL FOR SURFACE COAL MINES FROM 3 MONTHS TO
7 6 MONTHS; AMENDING SECTION 50-73-406, MCA."

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

10 Section 1. Section 50-73-406, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "50-73-406. Minimum inspection intervals. The division
12 shall carefully examine all the underground coal mines in
13 operation operating in this state at least every 3 months
14 and all surface coal mines operating in this state at least
15 every 6 months and more often if necessary to see that every
16 precaution is taken to insure the safety of all workers that
17 may be engaged in the coal mine. The division shall make a
18 record of ~~the visit~~ each inspection, noting the time and the
19 material circumstances of the inspection."

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STATE OF MONTANA
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN099-85

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 14, 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H.B. 158 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 158 changes the inspection interval for surface coal mines from three months to six months.

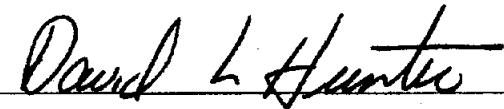
ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are nine active surface coal mines to be inspected.
2. Present law mandates that each coal mine be inspected at least once a quarter or more often if necessary to ensure the safety of all mine employees.
3. There is presently one statutorily qualified inspector on staff, assigned exclusively to inspecting coal mines.
4. Average annual output per inspector is 38 inspections.
5. In addition to each quarterly inspection, a follow-up visit to each mine should be conducted each quarter and in response to complaints made.

FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE SPECIAL REVENUES:

	Under Current Law		Under Proposed Law		Net Biennial Savings
	1986	1987	1986	1987	
Expenditures:	\$ 85,584	\$ 75,659	\$46,556	\$ 46,703	\$67,984

NOTE: The department wishes to retain these savings to fund other safety inspections, such as follow-up inspections of coal mines to insure compliance with safety regulations.



BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

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