

SENATE BILL NO. 374

2/08 Introduced  
2/09 Referred to State Administration  
2/11 Fiscal Note Requested  
2/16 Fiscal Note Received  
2/19 Hearing  
2/19 Tabled in Committee

1 Senate BILL NO. 374  
2 INTRODUCED BY Harding

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING FROM THE LAWS  
5 PERTAINING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE THE PURPOSE PROVISION  
6 RELATING TO ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIVE, OBSOLETE,  
7 CONFLICTING, AND UNNECESSARY BUILDING REGULATIONS AND  
8 REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 50-60-201, MCA."

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

11 Section 1. Section 50-60-201, MCA, is amended to read:  
12 "50-60-201. Purpose of state building code. The state  
13 building code shall be designed to effectuate the general  
14 purposes of parts 1 through 4 and the following specific  
15 objectives and standards to:

16 (1) provide reasonably uniform standards and  
17 requirements for construction and construction materials  
18 consonant with accepted standards of design, engineering,  
19 and fire prevention practices;

20 (2) permit to the fullest extent feasible the use of  
21 modern technical methods, devices, and improvements which  
22 tend to reduce the cost of construction consistent with  
23 reasonable requirements for the health and safety of the  
24 occupants or users of buildings and, consistent with the  
25 conservation of energy, by design requirements and criteria

1 that will result in the efficient utilization of energy,  
2 whether used directly or in a refined form, in buildings;

3 ~~(3) eliminate restrictive, obsolete, conflicting, and~~  
4 ~~unnecessary building regulations and requirements which tend~~  
5 ~~to increase unnecessarily construction costs; retard~~  
6 ~~unnecessarily the use of proven new materials which have~~  
7 ~~been found adequate through experience or testing; or~~  
8 ~~provide unwarranted preferential treatment to types or~~  
9 ~~classes of materials, products, or methods of construction;~~

10 (4)(3) ensure that buildings constructed with public  
11 funds are accessible to and functional for physically  
12 handicapped persons where practicable and feasible;

13 (5)(4) encourage efficiencies of design and insulation  
14 which enable buildings to be heated in the winter with the  
15 least possible quantities of energy and to be kept cool in  
16 the summer without air conditioning equipment or with the  
17 least possible use of such equipment;

18 (6)(5) encourage efficiencies and criteria directed  
19 toward design of building envelopes with high thermal  
20 resistance and low air leakage and toward requiring  
21 practices in the design and selection of mechanical,  
22 electrical, and illumination systems which promote the  
23 efficient use of energy."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. FNN409-85

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 11, 19 85, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for S.B. 374 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:

An act removing from the laws pertaining to the state building code the purpose provision relating to elimination of restrictive, obsolete, conflicting, and unnecessary building regulations and requirements; amending section 50-60-201, MCA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed legislation deletes a portion of the statute (50-60-201, MCA) that defines one of the purposes of the state building code. Impact cannot be determined.

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Date:

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