

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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3/21 Referred to State Administration
3/27 Hearing
3/27 Committee Report-Bill Pass As Amended
3/29 2nd Reading Pass
4/01 3rd Reading Pass

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Died in Committee

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2 INTRODUCED BY Blaylock
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5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
6 INTERIM STUDY OF STATE LOTTERIES AND THE STATE LOTTERY ISSUE
7 IN MONTANA.

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9 WHEREAS, state lotteries are becoming increasingly
10 popular as a method of raising state revenue, with 17 states
11 and the District of Columbia currently operating lotteries;
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13 WHEREAS, both the current and preceding regular
14 sessions of the Legislature have had before them a state
15 lottery bill that generated great interest and much debate
16 on both sides of the issue; and

17 WHEREAS, there are a great many issues involved in
18 deciding whether to pass a state lottery law, and such a law
19 is a complex piece of legislation containing many subjects
20 of great import and interest; and

21 WHEREAS, there is a massive amount of information and
22 misinformation available concerning lotteries in general and
23 the lotteries of the particular states; and

24 WHEREAS, the Legislature does not desire a new general
25 broad-based tax or an increase in such a tax, yet is having

1 difficulty balancing the budget and financing necessary
2 expenditures; and

3 WHEREAS, a state lottery offers a nontax, voluntary,
4 personal expenditure method of raising state revenue at a
5 rate of \$3,000,000 or more, and perhaps much more, per year
6 under various projections.

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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
9 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 (1) That an appropriate interim committee, preferably
11 the Revenue Oversight Committee, be assigned to study the
12 state lottery issue.

13 (2) That the committee include in its study at least
14 the following:

15 (a) the lottery laws of other states, Senate Bill 324
16 of the 49th Legislature, and the various model state lottery
17 laws;

18 (b) the revenue generated by the various state
19 lotteries and the revenue Montana could expect;

20 (c) the various organizational structures for the
21 operation of a state lottery and the qualifications and
22 compensation of top-level personnel;

23 (d) how the security and integrity of a lottery can
24 best be maintained;

25 (e) the types of games played and the methods of

1 operating a lottery;

2 (f) who may sell and purchase lottery tickets or
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11 persons with dependents may spend more than their finances
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14 forms of gambling, legal or illegal, and in organized crime
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16 (k) the experiences of states with lotteries with
17 respect to the operation of a lottery and the issues and
18 problems involved.

19 (3) That the committee develop an outline and time
20 frame for its study, schedule meetings of the committee, and
21 provide the 50th Legislature with a written report of its
22 study, findings, and conclusions and with drafts of any
23 legislation that may be necessary to implement the
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

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 25 (4) IF HB 945 IS PASSED, THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE

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