## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

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## IN THE SENATE

March	30, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
April	5, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
April	8, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April	9, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
April	10, 1985	Considered correctly engrossed.
April	11, 1985	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0.
		Transmitted to House.
	IN THE H	OUSE
April	12, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Labor.
April	15, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April	16, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
April	18, 1985	Third reading, concurred in.
		Returned to Senate.

## IN THE SENATE

April 18, 1985 April 19, 1985 Received from House. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.

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8 RECOMMENDATIONS ON REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SUCH BOARDS.

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10 WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Commerce administers 11 separate licensing boards for 18 health-related professions 12 and occupations; and

13 WHEREAS, six of these boards issued or renewed
14 approximately 25,000 licenses in 1984 while the other 12
15 issued or renewed only 2,700 licenses; and

16 WHEREAS, each licensing board incurs costs for board
17 meetings, legal assistance, conducting examinations, issuing
18 renewal notices and licenses, and bookkeeping and general
19 administration, which are borne by licensees and passed on
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

3 (1) That an appropriate interim committee be assigned
4 to study the role and function of the 18 boards established
5 to license and regulate members of health-related
6 professions and occupations.

7 (2) That the committee include in its study a
8 consideration of at least the following:

9 (a) the number of licensees served by each board and
10 the probability that this number will change substantially
11 in the next several years;

12 (b) the specific duties other than licensing performed
13 by each board and the number of full-time equivalent
14 employees required to perform these duties;

15 (c) the extent to which standards for licensing are
16 set and administered by state or national professional
17 organizations;

18 (d) the extent to which the licensing and regulating
19 functions assigned to each board can be carried out by
20 persons who are not members of the licensees' occupation or
21 profession;

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