

HOUSE BILL NO. 624

INTRODUCED BY MENAHAN, BLOTKAMP, HARRINGTON, LYNCH

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 9, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
FEBRUARY 10, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 17, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 18, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 21, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 96; NOES, 3.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & CLAIMS.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 3, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 4, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 7, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 47; NOES, 2.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

MARCH 8, 1989

IN THE HOUSE

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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3 *[Signature]*

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15 occupant of a vehicle traveling on a primary or interstate  
16 highway in Montana; and

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## STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB624, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:


An Act authorizing the Department of Highways to erect signs identifying scenic loop highways; and amending Section 60-2-217, MCA.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There will be 10 scenic loops so designated.
2. The sign size will be 10 x 3.
3. Two signs per scenic loop.
4. The cost of the signs will be supported with Highway Earmarked Revenue funds.
5. No additional FTE.
6. In FY90 the signs will be designed and locations designated. The actual cost of the signs and installation costs will be in FY91.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	Current	FY90 Proposed		Current	FY91 Proposed	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 590	\$ 690
Operating Expenses	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	6,622	6,622
Total	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$7,312	\$7,312


DATE 2/15/89

RAY SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING


DATE 2/16/89

WILLIAM MENAHAN, PRIMARY SPONSOR

Fiscal Note for HB624, as introduced

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

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