

HOUSE BILL 738

Introduced by Roth, et al.

2/16	Introduction
2/16	Referred to Human Services & Aging
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1 *George* BILL NO. *738*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *RAH* *Mark Stapp*
 3 *George Stapp*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WAITING
 5 PERIOD FOR ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE GENERAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE;
 6 AMENDING SECTION 53-3-209, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
 7 DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

10 **Section 1.** Section 53-3-209, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"53-3-209. Period of eligibility.** (1) The period of
 12 eligibility for receipt of general relief for basic
 13 necessities is 1 month--except. Except as provided in
 14 subsections (2) and subsection (3)--A, a person may seek to
 15 establish eligibility for the succeeding month prior to the
 16 end of the current month of eligibility.

17 ~~(2)--Able-bodied--persons--without--dependent--minor~~
 18 ~~children--living--in--the-household--are--eligible--for--no--more~~
 19 ~~than--2--months--of--nonmedical--general--relief--assistance--within~~
 20 ~~any--12--month--period,--except--that--assistance--received--prior~~
 21 ~~to--November--1,--1986,--shall--not--be--counted;~~

22 (2) Eligibility for nonmedical general relief
 23 assistance begins 30 days after the date of application. At
 24 the end of this 30-day waiting period, eligible recipients
 25 shall receive prompt payment of benefits to which they are

1 entitled.

2 (3) Eligibility for general relief medical assistance
 3 terminates when the serious medical condition of the person
 4 has been treated.

5 (4) The period of eligibility for any type of general
 6 assistance terminates at any time the county welfare board
 7 or the department determines that the household:

8 (a) no longer meets the applicable eligibility
 9 requirements; or

10 (b) received general relief by means of fraud or
 11 mistake."

12 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Extension of authority. Any
 13 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the
 14 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of
 15 [this act].

16 NEW SECTION. **Section 3.** Effective date. [This act] is
 17 effective July 1, 1989.

18 NEW SECTION. **Section 4.** Applicability date. [This act]
 19 applies to all applications for general relief assistance
 20 made on or after July 1, 1989.

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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 HB738, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Delays GA payments for 30 days after eligibility is established.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The legislation will delay payments for 4,697 cases in both fiscal years.
2. The average GA payment is assumed to be \$212/case/month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	Current Law	FY90 Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	FY91 Proposed Law	Difference
General Fund	\$5,292,468	\$4,296,704	(\$995,764)	\$5,504,167	\$4,508,403	(\$995,764)

TECHNICAL NOTE:

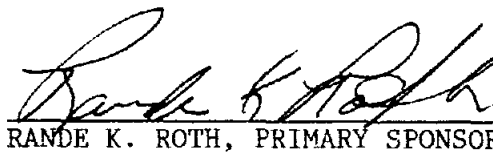
This legislation does not address if the 30-day delay will be applied to cases that are sanctioned for not complying with GA work requirements. It is not clear if after a 30-day sanction, the payment will be delayed an additional 30 days for a sanction. Sanctions account for 33% of all case closures.



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2/20/89

RAY SHACKLEFORD, BUDGET DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING



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RANDE K. ROTH, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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