

HOUSE BILL 751

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1 House BILL NO. 751
2 INTRODUCED BY Dussell
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE INDIVIDUAL
5 INCOME TAX STRUCTURE BY REPLACING ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS WITH A
6 \$6,000 STANDARD DEDUCTION; INCREASING PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS TO
7 \$2,000 PER EXEMPTION; REDUCING THE TAX RATES; AMENDING
8 SECTIONS 15-30-101, 15-30-103, 15-30-112, 15-30-117,
9 15-30-122, 15-30-126, 15-30-131, 15-30-136, AND 15-30-142,
10 MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-30-121, MCA; AND PROVIDING A
11 RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

14 **Section 1.** Section 15-30-101, MCA, is amended to read:

15 "15-30-101. Definitions. For the purpose of this
16 chapter, unless otherwise required by the context, the
17 following definitions apply:

18 (1) "Base year structure" means the following elements
19 of the income tax structure:

20 (a) the tax brackets established in 15-30-103, but
21 unadjusted by subsection (2) of 15-30-103, in effect on June
22 30 of the taxable year;

23 (b) the exemptions contained in 15-30-112, but
24 unadjusted by subsections subsection (7) and---(8) of
25 15-30-112, in effect on June 30 of the taxable year;

1 (c) the maximum standard deduction provided in
2 15-30-122, but unadjusted by subsection (2) of 15-30-122, in
3 effect on June 30 of the taxable year.

4 (2) "Consumer price index" means the consumer price
5 index, United States city average, for all items, using the
6 1967 base of 100 as published by the bureau of labor
7 statistics of the U.S. department of labor.

8 (3) "Department" means the department of revenue.

9 (4) "Dividend" means any distribution made by a
10 corporation out of its earnings or profits to its
11 shareholders or members, whether in cash or in other
12 property or in stock of the corporation, other than stock
13 dividends as herein defined. "Stock dividends" means new
14 stock issued, for surplus or profits capitalized, to
15 shareholders in proportion to their previous holdings.

16 (5) "Fiduciary" means a guardian, trustee, executor,
17 administrator, receiver, conservator, or any person, whether
18 individual or corporate, acting in any fiduciary capacity
19 for any person, trust, or estate.

20 (6) "Foreign country" or "foreign government" means
21 any jurisdiction other than the one embraced within the
22 United States, its territories and possessions.

23 (7) "Gross income" means the taxpayer's gross income
24 for federal income tax purposes as defined in section 61 of
25 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or as that section may be

1 labeled or amended, excluding unemployment compensation
2 included in federal gross income under the provisions of
3 section 85 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

4 (8) "Inflation factor" means a number determined for
5 each taxable year by dividing the consumer price index for
6 June of the taxable year by the consumer price index for
7 June, 1980.

8 (9) "Information agents" includes all individuals,
9 corporations, associations, and partnerships, in whatever
10 capacity acting, including lessees or mortgagors of real or
11 personal property, fiduciaries, employers, and all officers
12 and employees of the state or of any municipal corporation
13 or political subdivision of the state, having the control,
14 receipt, custody, disposal, or payment of interest, rent,
15 salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensations,
16 remunerations, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable
17 annual or periodical gains, profits, and income with respect
18 to which any person or fiduciary is taxable under this
19 chapter.

20 (10) "Knowingly" is as defined in 45-2-101.

21 (11) "Net income" means the adjusted gross income of a
22 taxpayer less the deductions allowed by this chapter.

23 (12) "Paid", for the purposes of the deductions and
24 credits under this chapter, means paid or accrued or paid or
25 incurred, and the terms "paid or incurred" and "paid or

1 accrued" shall be construed according to the method of
2 accounting upon the basis of which the taxable income is
3 computed under this chapter.

4 (13) "Purposely" is as defined in 45-2-101.

5 (14) "Received", for the purpose of computation of
6 taxable income under this chapter, means received or accrued
7 and the term "received or accrued" shall be construed
8 according to the method of accounting upon the basis of
9 which the taxable income is computed under this chapter.

10 (15) "Resident" applies only to natural persons and
11 includes, for the purpose of determining liability to the
12 tax imposed by this chapter with reference to the income of
13 any taxable year, any person domiciled in the state of
14 Montana and any other person who maintains a permanent place
15 of abode within the state even though temporarily absent
16 from the state and has not established a residence
17 elsewhere.

18 (16) "Taxable income" means the adjusted gross income
19 of a taxpayer less the deductions and exemptions provided
20 for in this chapter.

21 (17) "Taxable year" means the taxpayer's taxable year
22 for federal income tax purposes.

23 (18) "Taxpayer" includes any person or fiduciary,
24 resident or nonresident, subject to a tax imposed by this
25 chapter and does not include corporations."

Section 2. Section 15-30-103, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-30-103. Rate of tax. (1) There shall be levied, collected, and paid for each taxable year commencing on or after December 31, 1968, upon the taxable income of every taxpayer subject to this tax, after making allowance for exemptions and deductions as hereinafter provided, a tax on the following brackets of taxable income as adjusted under subsection (2) at the following rates:

(a) on the first \$1,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 2%;

(b) on the next \$1,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 3%;

(c) on the next \$2,000 first \$4,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 4%;

(d) on the next \$2,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 5%;

(e) on the next \$2,000 \$4,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 6%;

(f) on the next \$2,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 7%;

(g) on the next \$4,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 8%;

(h) on the next \$6,000 of taxable income or any part thereof, 9%;

(i) on the next \$15,000 of taxable income or any part

thereof, 10%;

(j) (c) on any taxable income in excess of \$35,000 or any part thereof, 11% \$8,000, 8%.

(2) By November 1 of each year, the department shall multiply the bracket amount contained in subsection (1) by the inflation factor for that taxable year and round the cumulative brackets to the nearest \$100. The resulting adjusted brackets are effective for that taxable year and shall be used as the basis for imposition of the tax in subsection (1) of this section."

Section 3. Section 15-30-112, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-30-112. Exemptions. (1) Except as provided in subsections subsection (7) and (8), in the case of an individual, the exemptions provided by subsections (2) through (6) shall be allowed as deductions in computing taxable income.

(2) (a) An exemption of \$800 \$2,000 shall be allowed for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978 1988, for the taxpayer.

(b) An additional exemption of \$800 \$2,000 shall be allowed for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978 1988, for the spouse of the taxpayer if a separate return is made by the taxpayer and if the spouse, for the calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins, has no gross income and is not the dependent of another

1 taxpayer.

2 (3) (a) An additional exemption of \$800 \$2,000 shall
3 be allowed for taxable years beginning after December 31,
4 ~~1978~~ 1988, for the taxpayer if he has attained the age of 65
5 before the close of his taxable year.

6 (b) An additional exemption of \$800 \$2,000 shall be
7 allowed for taxable years beginning after December 31, ~~1978~~
8 1988, for the spouse of the taxpayer if a separate return is
9 made by the taxpayer and if the spouse has attained the age
10 of 65 before the close of such taxable year and, for the
11 calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer
12 begins, has no gross income and is not the dependent of
13 another taxpayer.

14 (4) (a) An additional exemption of \$800 \$2,000 shall
15 be allowed for taxable years beginning after December 31,
16 ~~1978~~ 1988, for the taxpayer if he is blind at the close of
17 his taxable year.

18 (b) An additional exemption of \$800 \$2,000 shall be
19 allowed for taxable years beginning after December 31, ~~1978~~
20 1988, for the spouse of the taxpayer if a separate return is
21 made by the taxpayer and if the spouse is blind and, for the
22 calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer
23 begins, has no gross income and is not the dependent of
24 another taxpayer. For the purposes of this subsection
25 (4)(b), the determination of whether the spouse is blind

1 shall be made as of the close of the taxable year of the
2 taxpayer, except that if the spouse dies during such taxable
3 year, such determination shall be made as of the time of
4 such death.

5 (c) For purposes of this subsection (4), an individual
6 is blind only if his central visual acuity does not exceed
7 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses or if his
8 visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a
9 limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest
10 diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater
11 than 20 degrees.

12 (5) (a) An exemption of \$800 \$2,000 shall be allowed
13 for taxable years beginning after December 31, ~~1978~~ 1988,
14 for each dependent:

15 (i) whose gross income for the calendar year in which
16 the taxable year of the taxpayer begins is less than \$800
17 \$2,000; or

18 (ii) who is a child of the taxpayer and who:

19 (A) has not attained the age of 19 years at the close
20 of the calendar year in which the taxable year of the
21 taxpayer begins; or

22 (B) is a student.

23 (b) No exemption shall be allowed under this
24 subsection for any dependent who has made a joint return
25 with his spouse for the taxable year beginning in the

1 calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer
2 begins.

3 (c) For purposes of subsection (5)(a)(ii), the term
4 "child" means an individual who is a son, stepson, daughter,
5 or stepdaughter of the taxpayer.

6 (d) For purposes of subsection (5)(a)(ii)(B), the term
7 "student" means an individual who, during each of 5 calendar
8 months during the calendar year in which the taxable year of
9 the taxpayer begins:

10 (i) is a full-time student at an educational
11 institution; or

12 (ii) is pursuing a full-time course of institutional
13 on-farm training under the supervision of an accredited
14 agent of an educational institution or of a state or
15 political subdivision of a state. For purposes of this
16 subsection (5)(d)(ii), the term "educational institution"
17 means only an educational institution which normally
18 maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has
19 a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the
20 place where its educational activities are carried on.

21 (6) In the case of a nonresident taxpayer, the
22 exemption deduction shall be prorated according to the ratio
23 the taxpayer's Montana adjusted gross income bears to his
24 federal adjusted gross income.

25 ~~{7}--For--taxable--years--beginning--after--December--31,~~

1 ~~1978,--and--before--January--17--1981--the--amount--allowed--as--a~~
2 ~~deduction--in--subsections--(2)--through--(6)--shall--be--adjusted~~
3 ~~as--provided--under--section--97--Chapter--6987--Laws--of--1979--as~~
4 ~~amended--by--section--47--Chapter--5487--Laws--of--1981.~~

5 ~~{8}{7}~~ For--taxable--years--beginning--after--December--31,
6 1980,--the The department, by November 1 of each year, shall
7 multiply all the exemptions provided in this section
8 ~~unadjusted--by--subsection--(7)~~ by the inflation factor for
9 that taxable year and round the product to the nearest \$10.
10 The resulting adjusted exemptions are effective for that
11 taxable year and shall be used in calculating the tax
12 imposed in 15-30-103."

13 **Section 4.** Section 15-30-117, MCA, is amended to read:

14 "15-30-117. Net operating loss -- computation. (1) A
15 net operating loss must be determined in accordance with
16 section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or as that
17 section may be labeled or amended and in accordance with the
18 following:

19 (a) Additions to loss include:

20 ~~{i}--that--portion--of--the--federal--income--tax--and--motor~~
21 ~~vehicle--fee--allowed--as--a--deduction--under--15-30-121--or~~
22 ~~15-30-131--which--is--attributable--to--income--from--a--trade--or~~
23 ~~business,--and~~

24 ~~{ii}~~ wages and salaries allowed as a business deduction
25 under 15-30-111(5).

(b) Reductions in the loss include:

(i) interest received on obligations of another state or territory or of a county, municipality, district, or political subdivision thereof allowed as nonbusiness income under 15-30-111(1)(a);

(ii) federal income tax refunds required to be reported under 15-30-111 and 15-30-131 as business income; and

(iii) state income tax; ~~and~~

~~(iv) any other nonbusiness deductions allowed under 15-30-121 in excess of nonbusiness income.~~

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or as that section may be labeled or amended, a net operating loss does not include:

(a) income defined as exempt from state taxation under 15-30-111(2); or

(b) a zero bracket deduction provided for under section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or as that section may be labeled or amended."

Section 5. Section 15-30-122, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-30-122. Standard deduction. (1) In the case of a resident individual, a standard deduction equal to ~~20% of~~ adjusted gross income \$6,000 shall be allowed if elected by the taxpayer on his return. ~~The standard deduction shall be in lieu of all deductions allowed under 15-30-121. The maximum standard deduction shall be \$1,500, as adjusted~~

~~under the provisions of subsection (2)~~, except that in the case of a single joint return of husband and wife or in the case of a single individual who qualifies to file as a head of household on his federal income tax return, the maximum standard deduction shall be ~~\$3,000~~ \$12,000, as adjusted under the provisions of subsection (2). The standard deduction shall not be allowed to either the husband or the wife if the tax of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction. For purposes of this section, the determination of whether an individual is married shall be made as of the last day of the taxable year; provided, however, if one of the spouses dies during the taxable year, the determination shall be made as of the date of death.

(2) By November 1 of each year, the department shall multiply the maximum standard deduction for single returns by the inflation factor for that taxable year and round the product to the nearest \$10. The standard deduction for joint returns and qualified head of household returns shall be twice the amount for single returns. The resulting adjusted deductions are effective for that taxable year and shall be used in calculating the tax imposed in 15-30-103."

Section 6. Section 15-30-126, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-30-126. Small business corporation -- deduction for donation of computer equipment to schools. A small

1 business corporation electing to be taxed under the
2 provisions of 15-31-202 is allowed a deduction equal to the
3 fair market value, not to exceed 30% of the small business
4 corporation's net income, of a computer or other
5 sophisticated technological equipment or apparatus intended
6 for use with the computer donated to an elementary,
7 secondary, or accredited postsecondary school located in
8 Montana if:

9 (1) the contribution is made no later than 5 years
10 after the manufacture of the donated property is
11 substantially completed;

12 (2) the property is not transferred by the donee in
13 exchange for money, other property, or services; and

14 (3) the electing small business corporation receives a
15 written statement from the donee in which the donee agrees
16 to accept the property and representing that the use and
17 disposition of the property will be in accordance with the
18 provisions of subsection (2); ~~and~~

19 ~~{4}--the--deduction--allowed--in--this--section--is--in--lieu~~
20 ~~of--the--deduction--allowed--under--15-30-121--for--charitable~~
21 ~~contributions."~~

22 **Section 7.** Section 15-30-131, MCA, is amended to read:

23 "15-30-131. Nonresident and temporary resident
24 taxpayers -- adjusted gross income -- deductions. (1) In the
25 case of a taxpayer other than a resident of this state,

1 adjusted gross income includes the entire amount of adjusted
2 gross income from sources within this state but shall not
3 include income from annuities, interest on bank deposits,
4 interest on bonds, notes, or other interest-bearing
5 obligations, or dividends on stock of corporations except to
6 the extent to which the same shall be a part of income from
7 any business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on in
8 this state. Interest income from installment sales of real
9 or tangible commercial or business property located in
10 Montana must be included in adjusted gross income. Adjusted
11 gross income from sources within and without this state
12 shall be allocated and apportioned under rules prescribed by
13 the department.

14 (2) In the case of a taxpayer other than a resident of
15 this state who is a resident of a state that imposes a tax
16 on the income of natural persons residing within that state,
17 the deductions allowed in computing net income are
18 restricted to those directly connected with the production
19 of Montana income.

20 (3) In the case of a taxpayer other than a resident of
21 this state who is a resident of a state that does not impose
22 a tax on the income of natural persons residing within that
23 state, the deductions allowed in computing net income are
24 restricted to the greater of those directly relating to the
25 production of Montana income or a prorated amount of those

1 allowed under---15-30-121. For the purposes of this
 2 subsection, deductions allowed under---15-30-121, including
 3 the standard deduction, apply only to earned income and must
 4 be prorated according to the ratio that the taxpayer's
 5 Montana earned income bears to his federal earned income.

6 (4) A temporary resident shall be allowed those
 7 deductions and the credit under 15-32-109 allowed a resident
 8 to the extent that such deductions or credit were actually
 9 incurred or expended in the state of Montana during the
 10 course of his residency.

11 (5) For the purposes of this section, "earned income"
 12 shall be defined as the same term is defined in section 43
 13 of the Internal Revenue Code, or as that section may
 14 subsequently be amended.

15 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (2)
 16 and (3), any contribution made after December 31, 1982, to
 17 the state of Montana or a political subdivision thereof
 18 shall be an allowable deduction in computing net income.
 19 The deduction is subject to the limitations set forth in
 20 section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as labeled
 21 or amended.

22 (7) For purposes of this section, "installment sales"
 23 means sales in which the buyer agrees to pay the seller in
 24 one or more deferred installments."

25 **Section 8.** Section 15-30-136, MCA, is amended to read:

1 "15-30-136. Computation of income of estates or trusts
 2 -- exemption. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
 3 chapter, "gross income" of estates or trusts means all
 4 income from whatever source derived in the taxable year,
 5 including but not limited to the following items:

6 (a) dividends;

7 (b) interest received or accrued, including interest
 8 received on obligations of another state or territory or a
 9 county, municipality, district, or other political
 10 subdivision thereof, but excluding interest income from
 11 obligations of:

12 (i) the United States government or the state of
 13 Montana;

14 (ii) a school district; or

15 (iii) a county, municipality, district, or other
 16 political subdivision of the state;

17 (c) income from partnerships and other fiduciaries;

18 (d) gross rents and royalties;

19 (e) gain from sale or exchange of property, including
 20 those gains that are excluded from gross income for federal
 21 fiduciary income tax purposes by section 641(c) of the
 22 Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;

23 (f) gross profit from trade or business; and

24 (g) refunds recovered on federal income tax, to the
 25 extent the deduction of such tax resulted in a reduction of

1 Montana income tax liability.

2 (2) In computing net income, there are allowed as
3 deductions:

4 (a) interest expenses deductible for federal tax
5 purposes according to section 163 of the Internal Revenue
6 Code of 1954, as amended;

7 (b) taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year,
8 including but not limited to federal income tax, but
9 excluding Montana income tax;

10 (c) that fiduciary's portion of depreciation or
11 depletion which is deductible for federal tax purposes
12 according to sections 167, 611, and 642 of the Internal
13 Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;

14 (d) charitable contributions that are deductible for
15 federal tax purposes according to section 642(c) of the
16 Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;

17 (e) administrative expenses claimed for federal income
18 tax purposes, according to sections 212 and 642(g) of the
19 Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, if such expenses
20 were not claimed as a deduction in the determination of
21 Montana inheritance tax;

22 (f) losses from fire, storm, shipwreck, or other
23 casualty or from theft, to the extent not compensated for by
24 insurance or otherwise, that are deductible for federal tax
25 purposes according to section 165 of the Internal Revenue

1 Code of 1954, as amended;

2 (g) net operating loss deductions allowed for federal
3 income tax under section 642(d) of the Internal Revenue Code
4 of 1954, as amended, except estates may not claim losses
5 that are deductible on the decedent's final return;

6 (h) all benefits, not in excess of \$3,600, received:

7 (i) as federal employees' retirement;

8 (ii) as retirement from public employment in a state
9 other than Montana; or

10 (iii) as an annuity, pension, or endowment under
11 private or corporate retirement plans or systems;

12 (i) all benefits paid under the Montana teachers'
13 retirement system that are specified as exempt from taxation
14 by 19-4-706;

15 (j) all benefits paid under the Montana Public
16 Employees' Retirement System Act that are specified as
17 exempt from taxation by 19-3-105;

18 (k) all benefits paid under the Montana highway
19 patrolmen's retirement system that are specified as exempt
20 from taxation by 19-6-705;

21 (l) Montana income tax refunds or credits thereof;

22 (m) all benefits paid under 19-11-602, 19-11-604, and
23 19-11-605 to retired and disabled firemen or their surviving
24 spouses or children;

25 (n) all benefits paid under the municipal police

officers' retirement system that are specified as exempt from taxation by 19-9-1005.

(3) In the case of a shareholder of a corporation with respect to which the election provided for under subchapter S. of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, is in effect but with respect to which the election provided for under 15-31-202 is not in effect, net income does not include any part of the corporation's undistributed taxable income, net operating loss, capital gains or other gains, profits, or losses required to be included in the shareholder's federal income tax net income by reason of the election under subchapter S. However, the shareholder's net income shall include actual distribution from the corporation to the extent it would be treated as taxable dividends if the subchapter S. election were not in effect.

(4) The following additional deductions shall be allowed in deriving taxable income of estates and trusts:

(a) any amount of income for the taxable year currently required to be distributed to beneficiaries for such year;

(b) any other amounts properly paid or credited or required to be distributed for the taxable year;

(c) the amount of 60% of the excess of the net long-term capital gain over the net short-term capital loss for the taxable year.

(5) The exemption allowed for estates and trusts is that exemption provided in 15-30-112(2)(a) and 15-30-112~~(8)~~(7).

(6) A trust or estate excluding benefits under subsections (2)(i) through (2)(k), (2)(m), or (2)(n) may not exclude benefits described in subsection (2)(h) from net income unless the benefits received under subsections (2)(i) through (2)(k), (2)(m), or (2)(n) are less than \$3,600, in which case the trust or estate may combine benefits to exclude up to a total of \$3,600 from net income."

Section 9. Section 15-30-142, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-30-142. Returns and payment of tax -- penalty and interest -- refunds -- credits. (1) Every single individual and every married individual not filing a joint return with his or her spouse and having a gross income for the taxable year of more than \$1,000, as adjusted under the provisions of subsection (7), and married individuals not filing separate returns and having a combined gross income for the taxable year of more than \$2,000, as adjusted under the provisions of subsection (7), shall be liable for a return to be filed on such forms and according to such rules as the department may prescribe. The gross income amounts referred to in the preceding sentence shall be increased by \$800, as adjusted under the provisions of 15-30-112(7) and~~--(8)~~, for each additional personal exemption allowance the taxpayer is

1 entitled to claim for himself and his spouse under
2 15-30-112(3) and (4). A nonresident shall be required to
3 file a return if his gross income for the taxable year
4 derived from sources within Montana exceeds the amount of
5 the exemption deduction he is entitled to claim for himself
6 and his spouse under the provisions of 15-30-112(2), (3),
7 and (4), as prorated according to 15-30-112(6).

8 (2) In accordance with instructions set forth by the
9 department, every taxpayer who is married and living with
10 husband or wife and is required to file a return may, at his
11 or her option, file a joint return with husband or wife even
12 though one of the spouses has neither gross income nor
13 deductions. If a joint return is made, the tax shall be
14 computed on the aggregate taxable income and the liability
15 with respect to the tax shall be joint and several. If a
16 joint return has been filed for a taxable year, the spouses
17 may not file separate returns after the time for filing the
18 return of either has expired unless the department so
19 consents.

20 (3) If any such taxpayer is unable to make his own
21 return, the return shall be made by a duly authorized agent
22 or by a guardian or other person charged with the care of
23 the person or property of such taxpayer.

24 (4) All taxpayers, including but not limited to those
25 subject to the provisions of 15-30-202 and 15-30-241, shall

1 compute the amount of income tax payable and shall, at the
2 time of filing the return required by this chapter, pay to
3 the department any balance of income tax remaining unpaid
4 after crediting the amount withheld as provided by 15-30-202
5 and/or any payment made by reason of an estimated tax return
6 provided for in 15-30-241; provided, however, the tax so
7 computed is greater by \$1 than the amount withheld and/or
8 paid by estimated return as provided in this chapter. If the
9 amount of tax withheld and/or payment of estimated tax
10 exceeds by more than \$1 the amount of income tax as
11 computed, the taxpayer shall be entitled to a refund of the
12 excess.

13 (5) As soon as practicable after the return is filed,
14 the department shall examine and verify the tax.

15 (6) If the amount of tax as verified is greater than
16 the amount theretofore paid, the excess shall be paid by the
17 taxpayer to the department within 60 days after notice of
18 the amount of the tax as computed, with interest added at
19 the rate of 9% per annum or fraction thereof on the
20 additional tax. In such case there shall be no penalty
21 because of such understatement, provided the deficiency is
22 paid within 60 days after the first notice of the amount is
23 mailed to the taxpayer.

24 (7) By November 1 of each year, the department shall
25 multiply the minimum amount of gross income necessitating

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1 the filing of a return by the inflation factor for the
2 taxable year. These adjusted amounts are effective for that
3 taxable year, and persons having gross incomes less than
4 these adjusted amounts are not required to file a return.

5 (8) Individual income tax forms distributed by the
6 department for each taxable year must contain instructions
7 and tables based on the adjusted base year structure for
8 that taxable year."

9 NEW SECTION. **Section 10.** Repealer. Section 15-30-121,
10 MCA, is repealed.

11 NEW SECTION. **Section 11.** Retroactive applicability.
12 [This act] applies retroactively, within the meaning of
13 1-2-109, to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1988.

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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 HB751, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act revising the individual income tax structure by replacing itemized deductions with a \$6,000 standard deduction; increasing personal exemptions to \$2,000 per exemption; reducing the tax rates; and providing a retroactive applicability date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Individual income tax collections are projected to be \$239,124,000 in FY90, and \$254,428,000 in FY91 (REAC).

FISCAL IMPACT:Revenue Impact:

	FY90			FY91		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Individual Income Tax	\$239,124,000	\$237,206,000	(\$1,918,000)	\$254,428,000	\$252,510,000	(\$1,918,000)
<u>Fund Information:</u>						
General Fund	\$139,170,168	\$138,053,892	(\$1,116,276)	\$148,077,096	\$146,960,820	(\$1,116,276)
Foundation Program	76,041,432	75,431,508	(609,924)	80,908,104	80,298,180	(609,924)
Sinking Fund	23,912,400	23,720,600	(191,800)	25,442,800	25,251,000	(191,800)
Total	\$239,124,000	\$237,206,000	(\$1,918,000)	\$254,428,000	\$252,510,000	(\$1,918,000)

Expenditure Impact:Department of Revenue (General Fund)

Personal services administrative expense would be reduced approximately \$12,000 annually.

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

Sections 2, 3, and 5 provide for adjusting the new rate bracket amounts, exemption value, and standard deduction value for an inflation factor. The inflation factor, referred to in Section 1, continues to refer to June, 1980 for the base year consumer price index. This fiscal note assumes the base year consumer price index is June, 1989.

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Fiscal Note for HB751, as introduced

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