

HOUSE BILL 25

Introduced by Cody, et al.

7/08	Introduced
7/08	Referred to Appropriations
7/08	First Reading
7/08	Fiscal Note Requested
7/10	Hearing
7/10	Fiscal Note Received
7/10	Fiscal Note Printed
7/11	Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended
7/13	2nd Reading Passed as Amended
7/13	3rd Reading Passed
	Transmitted to Senate
7/14	Referred to Finance & Claims
7/14	First Reading
7/15	Hearing
7/15	Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended
7/15	2nd Reading Concur as Amended Motion Failed
7/15	2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

INTRODUCED BY

Cady
Mike Larson

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED; "AN ACT TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING
TRAVEL BY STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT IS NOT ESSENTIAL
TO THE OPERATION OF THE AGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Prohibition on unnecessary**

travel expenses. (1) In addition to the prohibition in
2-18-512, a state officer or employee may not, between (the
effective date of this act) and December 1, 1992, travel
within or outside the state if general fund money will be
spent for the officer's or employee's salary and business
and other expenses incurred while traveling, unless the
approving authority determines that the expenditure is
essential to the operation of the agency. This prohibition
applies to travel in the regular scope and course of
employment as well as to travel to any type of seminar,
conference, or meeting. Business and other expenses include
but are not limited to:

- (a) transportation;
- (b) meals;
- (c) lodging; and

(d) fees for any type of seminar, conference, or meeting.

(2) Each state officer and employee shall, whenever possible, substitute telecommunications and teleconferences for travel.

(3) Each approving authority authorizing travel under subsection (1) shall report to the house appropriations and senate finance and claims committees of the 53rd legislature each case of authorized travel, the cost of the travel, and the reason the travel was essential to the operation of the agency.

(4) As used in this section, "approving authority" and "agency" have the definitions contained in 17-7-102.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

-End-



STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0025, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act temporarily prohibiting travel by state officers and employees that is not essential to the operation of the agency; and providing an immediate effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:


1. FY91 totals for in-state and out-of-state travel reflect FY93.
2. 30% of all travel costs are paid from the general fund.
3. The legislation would not become law until the end of July, 1992 and would apply for only four months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

General Fund Impact: FY93
(\$1,725,800)

TECHNICAL NOTES:

The estimate may be too high if agencies have already trimmed their travel budgets due to the current fiscal constraints in FY92 and FY93.



STEVE YEAKEI, BUDGET DIRECTOR 7/10/92
Office of Budget and Program Planning DATE



DOROTHY A. CODY, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE
Fiscal Note for HB0025, as introduced 7-10-92

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS

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STRIZICH, GALVIN, DOWELL, S. HANSEN, J. BROWN, DARKO,
SCHYE, MADISON, WHALEN, WYATT, DOLEZAL, J. DEBRUYCKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING
TRAVEL BY MOST STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT IS NOT
ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATION OF THE AGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN
IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Prohibition on unnecessary
travel expenses. (1) In addition to the prohibition in
2-18-512, EXCEPT FOR OFFICERS LISTED IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION
1, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AND THEIR
EMPLOYEES, a state officer or employee may not, between [the
effective date of this act] and December 1, 1992, travel
within or outside the state if general fund money will be
spent for the officer's or employee's salary and business
and other expenses incurred while traveling, unless the
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conference, or meeting. Business and other expenses include

but are not limited to:

(a) transportation;

(b) meals;

(c) lodging; and

(d) fees for any type of seminar, conference, or
meeting.

(2) Each state officer and employee, INCLUDING THOSE
EXCEPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (1), shall,
whenever possible, substitute telecommunications and
teleconferences for travel.

(3) Each approving authority authorizing travel under
subsection (1) shall report to the house appropriations and
senate finance and claims committees of the 53rd legislature
each case of authorized travel, the cost of the travel, and
the reason the travel was essential to the operation of the
agency. THE AUTHORITY APPROVING TRAVEL BY AN OFFICER OR
EMPLOYEE EXCEPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (1)
SHALL REPORT TO THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE FINANCE
AND CLAIMS COMMITTEES OF THE 53RD LEGISLATURE EACH CASE OF
AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AND THE COST OF AND REASON FOR THE TRAVEL.

(4) As used in this section, "approving authority" and
"agency" have the definitions contained in 17-7-102.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is
effective on passage and approval.

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING
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15 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AND THEIR
16 EMPLOYEES AND EXCEPT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
17 REGULATION, ITS COMMISSIONERS, AND EMPLOYEES, a state
18 officer or employee may not, between [the effective date of
19 this act] and December 1, 1992, travel within or outside the
20 state if general fund money will be spent for the officer's
21 or employee's salary and business and other expenses
22 incurred while traveling, unless the approving authority
23 determines that the expenditure is essential to the
24 operation of the agency. This prohibition applies to travel
25 in the regular scope and course of employment as well as to

1 travel to any type of seminar, conference, or meeting.

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12 (3) Each approving authority authorizing travel under
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21 EACH-CASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AND THE COST
22 OF AND REASON FOR THE TRAVEL. THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND
23 SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEES MAY REQUIRE AN
24 APPROVING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
25 REGARDING TRAVEL.

THIRD READING

1 (4) As used in this section, "approving authority" and
2 "agency" have the definitions contained in 17-7-102.

3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** **Effective date.** [This act] is
4 effective on passage and approval.

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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July 15, 1992

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Finance and Claims having had under consideration House Bill No. 25 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Bill No. 25 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

1. Page 2.

Strike: lines 12 through 25 in their entirety.

Signed:

Judy H. Jacobson
Judy H. Jacobson, Chairman

17-15-92
Amd. Coord.

810 7-15-92
Sec. of Senate

SENATE
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