

HOUSE BILL 544

Introduced by Smith

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2/13	Fiscal Note Printed
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2/25	Missed Transmittal Deadline

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE
5 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES FOR
6 PROTECTION OF ELDERLY MONTANANS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO
7 PROVIDE A PROGRAM FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES; AND AMENDING
8 SECTIONS 52-3-101 AND 52-3-205, MCA."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
11 **Section 1.** Section 52-3-101, MCA, is amended to read:
12 "52-3-101. Functions of department of family services.
13 The department of family services shall:
14 (1) consult with and advise organized efforts by
15 communities, organizations, associations, and groups that
16 are working toward any forms of assistance to problems of
17 aging;
18 (2) study and identify problems of aging;
19 (3) review existing programs for the aging and make
20 recommendations to the governor and the legislature for
21 improvements in such programs;
22 (4) encourage the sponsorship of community projects
23 which will seek to make optimum use of the time and talents
24 of retired persons;
25 (5) coordinate, through area councils on aging, the

1 delivery of community-based care, including but not limited
2 to home health care, homemaker services, foster home care,
3 nutrition, transportation, winterization, information and
4 referral, and recreation;
5 (6) provide for the protection of aged persons whose
6 health or welfare is or may be adversely affected and
7 further threatened by the conduct of those responsible for
8 their care and protection. It is intended that the mandatory
9 reporting of cases by professional people and community
10 members to the appropriate authority will cause the
11 protective services providers of the state to seek to
12 prevent further abuses and will protect and enhance the
13 welfare of aged persons."

14 **Section 2.** Section 52-3-205, MCA, is amended to read:
15 "52-3-205. Departmental authority. The department may
16 shall implement a program for protective services by
17 establishing appropriate rules which that are not
18 inconsistent with the department's activities."

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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 HB0544, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: This bill increases the responsibility of the Department of Family Services (DFS) for providing protective services to the elderly.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There would be no new revenue generated by this bill.
2. The department would not incur additional expenses due to this bill.
3. The department is currently offering a program for protective services for the elderly.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

David Lewis 2-12-93

DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Liz Smith 5/13/93
LIZ SMITH, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

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