

SENATE BILL NO. 6

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BY REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL

IN THE SENATE

DECEMBER 22, 1992	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, & SAFETY.
JANUARY 4, 1993	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 12, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 13, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
JANUARY 14, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

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JANUARY 15, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 26, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 28, 1993	ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED FOR THE DAY.
JANUARY 29, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
FEBRUARY 1, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 93; NOES, 7.
FEBRUARY 15, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.

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FEBRUARY 16, 1993	RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.
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SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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