

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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1 Senat JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18  
2 INTRODUCED BY NATHAN  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO STUDY THE  
7 HEALTH RISKS OF DENTAL FILLINGS.

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9 WHEREAS, it is a common practice in Montana to use an  
10 amalgam of materials for dental fillings; and

11 WHEREAS, the dental amalgam is often thought by the  
12 public to be silver and is actually a combination of silver,  
13 copper, tin, and mercury; and

14 WHEREAS, some studies allege that toxic mercury vapors  
15 can leak from fillings into the blood system and cause  
16 serious health problems, particularly in persons with  
17 allergies or chemical sensitivities; and

18 WHEREAS, dental patients often lack information that  
19 would enable them to avoid having mercury used for their  
20 fillings.

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
23 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

24 That the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences  
25 review the studies that have examined the health risks of

1 mercury in dental fillings and report to the 54th  
2 Legislature its findings about those risks and its  
3 recommendations for providing a means by which dental  
4 patients may be informed of the findings if a health risk is  
5 established and of the alternative filling materials  
6 available when seeking dental treatment.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution  
8 be presented to the Director of the Department of Health and  
9 Environmental Sciences.

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