

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

APRIL 15, 1985

The meeting of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Judy Jacobson on Monday, April 15, 1985, in Room 410 of the State Capitol at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exceptions of Senator Lynch and Senator Hager. Karen Renne, staff researcher, was also present.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 843: House Bill 843 introduced by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services under the chairmanship of Representative Cal Winslow, is an act to generally revise the laws relating to public assistance; providing for administration, eligibility and benefits relating to general relief assistance provided by counties or by the state when such a program has been assumed by the state and providing an effective date.

Karen explained the proposed amendments which she had been instructed to draft. Some of the amendments clarify language in the present law and some augment definitions and then some change the amendments which were put in the bill in the House.

A motion was made by Senator Norman to adopt amendments nos. 1, 7, 8, 15, 16, 27, 31 and 32. This is just clarifying language. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Norman to adopt the amendments numbered 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29, and 30. These amendments were suggested by Dave Lewis, the director of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The amendments would augment the definitions in the present law. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Towe to adopt the rest of the amendments, which are numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 24, and 25.

Senator Himsl asked just what these amendments would do.

Senator Stephens stated that they would basically kill the bill as they would remove the age limits for receiveing-^g general assistance and leave the law where it is at the present time.

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Senator Norman called for a Roll Call Vote on the Motion of Senator Towe. Motion carried by a 4-2 vote. See attachments to see the Roll Call Vote.

A motion was made by Senator Towe that HB 843 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried with all present voting "yes" with the exceptions of Senator Himsl and Senator Stephens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee does not have any more bills in Committee at the present time and will not be meeting until more bills are received in this Committee.

ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting was adjourned.


SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON
CHAIRMAN

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ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Date APRIL 15, 1985 HOUSE Bill No. 843 Time 1:15

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
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| SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON, CHAIRMAN | ✓ | |
| SENATOR J. D. LYNCH, VICE CHAIRMAN | <i>absent</i> | |
| SENATOR TOM HAGER | <i>absent</i> | |
| SENATOR MATT HIMSL | | ✓ |
| SENATOR TED NEWMAN | ✓ | |
| SENATOR BILL NORMAN | ✓ | |
| SENATOR STAN STEPHENS | | ✓ |
| SENATOR TOM TOWL | ✓ | |
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Chairman, SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Towe to adopt amendments numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 24 and 25 of the proposed amendments. These amendments would remove the age limits in the present bill. Motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

having had under consideration **HOUSE BILL** No. **843**

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GENERALLY REVISE LAWS RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (JACOBSON)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE BILL** No. **843**

be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 15.
Strike: "DATES"
Insert: "DATE"
2. Page 1, line 12.
Following: "have"
Strike: "either"
3. Page 2, line 13.
Following: "own"
Strike: "or who are able-bodied"
4. Page 2, line 25 through line 1, page 3.
Strike: subsection (1) in its entirety
Re-number: subsequent subsections
5. Page 3, line 23 through line 1, page 4.
Following: "chapter." in line 23
Strike: remainder of line 23 through line 1 in their entirety
6. Page 4, lines 14 through 16.
Strike: subsection (10) in its entirety
Re-number: subsequent subsections
7. Page 5, line 1.
Following: "necessary"
Insert: ", including pregnancy"

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Chairman.

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8. Page 5, lines 4 and 5.

Following: "review." in line 4

Strike: remainder of line 4 through "condition" in line 5

Insert: "Necessary treatment"

Following: "includes" in line 5

Strike: "pregnancy and"

9. Page 5, line 24.

Following: "53-2-321"

Strike: "and"

Insert: ", "

Following: "53-2-322"

Insert: ", and 53-2-323"

10. Page 6, line 8.

Following: "relief."

Insert: "(1) A person or persons, constituting a household, may receive general relief assistance for basic necessities if the household is determined to be eligible under the provisions of this section and is in need of such assistance as a result of their infirmity, misfortune, or indigency."

Re-number: subsequent subsections

11. Page 6, line 24 through page 7, line 1.

Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety

Re-number: subsequent subsections

12. Page 7, lines 2 through 14.

Following: "(3)" in line 2

Strike: remainder of line 2 through "medical assistance." in line 14

Insert: "When the household's income exceeds the monthly income standard for a household of that size because of receipt of lump sum income, the household will be ineligible for general relief for the full number of months, beginning with the month of receipt, derived by dividing the total of the lump sum income and other income by the monthly income standard for a household of that size. Any income remaining from this calculation will be considered as income in the first month following the period of ineligibility."

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(a) The period of ineligibility may be recalculated if the household size changes or if a portion of the lump sum was used to pay medical bills for a serious medical condition.

(b) Ineligibility due to the receipt of a lump sum does not preclude eligibility for general relief medical assistance."

13. Page 9, line 3.

Following: "assistance."

Insert: "(1) In order to be considered for eligibility for general relief medical assistance a person must be found to have a serious medical condition."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

14. Page 9, line 5.

Following: "and (section 4"

Strike: "(5) through (11)"

15. Page 9, line 11.

Following: "All"

Strike: "legally responsible"

16. Page 9, line 12.

Following: "residence"

Insert: "and are legally related to or responsible for each other"

17. Page 9, line 22.

Following: "section 4"

Strike: "(1)"

Insert: "(2)"

18. Page 10, line 5.

Following: "section 4"

Strike: "(1)"

Insert: "(2)"

19. Page 11, line 7.

Following: "section 4"

Strike: "(1)"

Insert: "(2)"

Following: "and the"

Insert: "monthly"

Following: "income"

Strike: "standard"

Insert: "level"

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20. Page 11, line 9.
Following: "subsection"
Strike: "(5)"

21. Page 11, line 9.
Following: "between"
Insert: "its"

22. Page 11, lines 10 and 11.
Following: "and the" in line 10
Insert: "monthly"
Following: "income" in line 10
Strike: remainder of line 10 through "ready" in line 11
Insert: "level in subsection (b)"

23. Page 11, line 14.
Following: "COUNTY"
Strike: "BOARDS"
Insert: "board"

24. Page 11, lines 16 through line 9, page 12.
Strike: section 7 in its entirety
ReNUMBER: subsequent sections

25. Page 13, lines 14 through 21.
Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety
ReNUMBER: subsequent subsections

26. Page 16, line 14.
Following: "section 4"
Strike: "(1)"
Insert: "(2)"

27. Page 18, line 23.
Following: line 24
Strike: "affectuate"
Insert: "implement"

28. Page 28, line 16.
Following: "section"
Strike: "12 (2)"
Insert: "5"

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29. Page 28, line 27.
Following: "through"
Strike: "17"
Insert: "18"

30. Page 28, line 24.
Following: "through"
Strike: "17"
Insert: "18"

31. Page 29, line 10.
Following: "date"
Strike: "DATES"
Insert: "date"
Following: "."
Strike: "(1)"

32. Page 29, lines 12 and 13.
Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety

AND AS AMENDED
BE CONCURRED IN

SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON