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HOUSE BILL 461
Sponsor's Amendments
General Description

As a result of meetings between the two major parties on this bill, four general amendments are proposed for HB 461. Three of them are narrow in focus; the fourth amendment focuses on what appears to be the major opposition to the bill.

The minor amendments are in Sections 1, 4 and 6.

There is a four-word amendment to Section 1 that strengthens the credentials of the public member.

In Section 4, the grandfathering clause has been deleted. Language for grandfathering clauses is always difficult to construct in a way that adequately guards public safety, and the impact of excluding such a clause would be limited in Montana.

In Section 6, potential confusion about applicable abbreviations and titles is eliminated.

The major amendment proposed is in Section 2. Extensive efforts were undertaken to clarify definitions and scope of practice. This language represents a good faith effort to resolve issues raised by the bill's opponents.