HOUSE BILL NO. 561 INTRODUCED BY R. BITNEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT FEES CHARGED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BE REASONABLE; AMENDING SECTION 69-1-114, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 69-1-114, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-1-114. Fees. Each fee charged by the commission must be commensurate with the costs incurred in administering the function for which the fee is charged except those fees set by federal statute <u>reasonable</u>. No <u>A</u> fee set by the commission may <u>not</u> exceed \$500."

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 2. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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