SENATE BILL NO. 90

INTRODUCED BY J. LASLOVICH

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ADJUST THE PER DIEM CHARGE FOR AN INSTITUTION MORE THAN ONCE A YEAR; AMENDING SECTION 53-1-404, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 53-1-404, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-1-404. Department to review and establish per diem charge. The per diem charge for the fiscal year must be reviewed on or before October 1 of each year by the department <u>and may be reviewed at additional</u> <u>times during the year as considered appropriate by the department</u>. If the review indicates that the budgeted costs of an institution have changed substantially since the last review, the per diem charge must be adjusted to compensate for those changes."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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