

SENATE BILL NO. 85

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING VETERANS TREATMENT COURT LAWS;  
5 REQUIRING SCREENING AND REFERRAL OF VETERANS INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM  
6 TO A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT; REQUIRING DETENTION CENTER STAFF TO REFER A VETERAN  
7 BOOKED INTO CERTAIN DETENTION CENTERS TO A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT FOR AN  
8 ELIGIBILITY SCREENING; REQUIRING THAT BOOKING INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO THE COURT;  
9 LIMITING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE LAW TO DETENTION CENTERS IN COUNTIES THAT OPERATE A  
10 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."

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

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Identification of veteran status by detention center.** Upon a person's  
15 admission to a detention center in a county that operates a veterans treatment court, the detention center staff  
16 shall inquire if the person is a veteran. If the person is a veteran, the detention center staff shall refer the person  
17 to the veterans treatment court to be screened for eligibility to participate in the court. Information collected during  
18 the routine processing or booking of the person must be forwarded to the veterans treatment court.

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20 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
21 integral part of Title 7, chapter 32, part 22, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 32, part 22, apply to [section 1].

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23 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to detention centers in counties that  
24 operate veterans treatment courts.

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2021.

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