

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 REQUIRING DETENTION CENTER STAFF TO NOTIFY THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT WHEN A
10 VETERAN IS DETAINED AND REQUIRING THE COURT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE VETERAN;
11 LIMITING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE LAW TO DETENTION CENTERS IN COUNTIES THAT OPERATE A
12 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."

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

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16 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Identification of veteran status by detention center. Upon a person's
17 admission to a detention center in a county that operates a veterans treatment court, the detention center staff
18 shall inquire if the person is a veteran. If the person is a veteran, the detention center staff shall ~~refer the person~~
19 ~~to~~ NOTIFY the veterans treatment court ~~to be screened for eligibility to participate in the court. Information collected~~
20 ~~during the routine processing or booking of the person must be forwarded to the veterans treatment court.~~ AND
21 THE COURT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY AND THE GOALS AND OPERATION OF THE COURT TO THE
22 PERSON.

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24 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
25 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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27 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Applicability. [This act] applies to detention centers in counties that
28 operate veterans treatment courts.

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

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