

1 SENATE BILL NO. 85

2 INTRODUCED BY S. FITZPATRICK

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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].26
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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