

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 353

Legislative Action:

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House Committee: _____

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House: _____

Senate Committee: _____

Delegation: Gardiner

Senate: _____

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: House Business & Taxation Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "An Act to require insurance companies to pay in full for
2 hearing aids for minors, who are residents of the state of Montana."
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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
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6 Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that adequate hearing aid equipment is provided to
7 minors under the age of 18 years old in the state of Montana.
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9 Section 2: Insurance companies should be required to provide hearing aids to children in the state
10 of Montana, who demonstrate hearing loss and the need to use a hearing aid as required by a
11 certified physician.
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13 Section 3: Insurance companies should pay in full the cost of the hearing aid after the citizen co-
14 pay is met as stated in the insurance policy.
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16 Section 4: The insurance company is only required to pay for the necessary hearing aid for the
17 child. Any lost or damaged hearing aid, due to misuse, should be replaced by the minor or
18 subsequent guardian.
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20 Section 5: Insurance companies that fail to comply with these rules shall be fined \$10,000. This
21 money will go towards hearing loss research.
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23 Section 6: This law shall go into effect January 1st, 2008.
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