

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 387

Legislative Action:

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ENERGY EFFICIENT
2 PLAN WITH ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, ONE LIGHTBULB AT A TIME"

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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6 **Section 1. Findings-**

7 A. If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR
8 qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a
9 year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases
10 equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

11 B. ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than standard
12 incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

13 C. Save about \$30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime.

14 D. Produce about 75 percent less heat, so they're safer to operate and can cut energy costs
15 associated with home cooling.

16 **Section 2 Mandates-**

17 A. All State owned buildings are mandated to use a ENERGY STAR qualified light bulbs
18 within buildings.

19 B. A tax reduction system will be put in place following the The Energy Policy Act of
20 2005 for Montana residential homes who create efficient lighting systems within their
21 homes.

22 C. To qualify for the full deduction, a building owner or tenant must make investments
23 designed to reduce energy costs by 50% or more.

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