

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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HHB 724

Legislative Action:

House Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senate Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Referred to Committee: Hathaway House White Committee

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO INSTILL A DRASTIC  
2 REDUCTION IN MONTANA'S CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL CLIMATE  
3 CHANGE VIA COAL-FIRED PLANT EMISSIONS."

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5 **SECTION 1:** INDIVIDUAL COAL-FIRED PLANTS WITHIN MONTANA WILL BE  
6 REQUIRED TO REDUCE THEIR COAL-FIRED EMISSIONS BY 30% EVERY THREE  
7 YEARS, TO BE IN ACT BY JANUARY 1, 2009.

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10 **SECTION 2:** PURPOSE: AS THE DANGEROUS AFFECTS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE  
11 CHANGE BEGIN TO AFFECT CITIZENS ON ALL LEVELS, THE NEED TO  
12 PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE IS INCREASING. CHANGE FOR THIS GLOBAL  
13 DISASTER MUST BEGIN IN SMALLER, COMMUNITY-SCALE INITIATIVES IN  
14 ORDER TO CREATE A STRONG FOUNDATION IN WHICH TO STOP GLOBAL  
15 WARMING.

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17 **SECTION 3:** BENEFITS TO STATE: REDUCING COAL-FIRED PLANT CARBON  
18 EMISSIONS BY 30% EVERY THREE YEARS THROUGHOUT MONTANA

19 GREATLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE EFFORT TO STOP GLOBAL CLIMATE  
20 CHANGE. REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS CREATES CLEANER AIR AND A  
21 HEALTHIER WORLD IN WHICH MONTANA'S CITIZENS CAN THRIVE.

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23 **SECTION 4:** ALL COAL-FIRED PLANTS WITHIN MONTANA MUST UNDERGO  
24 A CARBON-EMISSION TEST AND BE EVALUATED ON THE  
25 ENVIRONMENTALLY-CONSCIOUS QUALITIES THEIR PLANT HAS.  
26 STATISTICS WILL BE RECORDED AND THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF  
27 THE LAST INSPECTION, THE SAME TESTS WILL AGAIN TAKE PLACE. IF THE  
28 LEVEL OF CARBON EMISSIONS HAS NOT DROPPED BY A MINIMUM OF 30%,  
29 PLANTS WILL BE FINED 10% OF THEIR ANNUAL INCOME.

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31 **SECTION 5:** FUNDING: GOVERNMENTS ON BOTH THE STATE AND  
32 NATIONAL LEVELS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
33 FUNDING OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IN WHICH THE PLANT  
34 RESIDES. POWER PLANTS WHO COOPERATE WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF  
35 PASSAGE DATE WILL RECEIVE 60% TAX DEDUCTION FOR THAT FISCAL  
36 YEAR.

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38 **SECTION 6:** EFFECTIVE DATE: THIS BILL IF EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE.