

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Senate Bill Number 145

Legislative Action:

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

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO MAINTAIN PAVED COUNTY ROADS  
2 BY EFFECTIVE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION."

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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6 **Section 1. Definitions.** (1) Paved County Road: a road that has been laid out,  
7 constructed, paved, and maintained by county funds and has been previously approved through  
8 resolution by a board of county commissioners.

9 (2) Minimal to Moderate Damages: destruction of a road that often includes potholes,  
10 cracks, and deteriorated areas.

11 (3) Major Damages: destruction of a road that exceeds minimal to moderate damages,  
12 including disasters such as collapsed culverts and landslides, and prevents the safe passage  
13 vehicles.

14 **Section 2. Establish Minimum Maintenance Standards.** (1) Every paved county road  
15 is inspected three times annually in the months of March, June, and September for damages.

16 (2) Where minimal to moderate damages are present, the paved county road is repaired  
17 through patching, pothole repair, resurfacing, and overlay as the situation needs. This is  
18 accomplished within two months from the road inspection date.

19 (3) Where major damages are present, the paved county road is reconstructed and  
20 repaved as quickly as possible within one year of inspection date. A temporary detour must be  
21 established until the damaged road is repaired.

22 (4) After a three year period of patchwork repair where the paved county road displays  
23 continual minimal to moderate damages, the road is reconstructed by repaving the entire affected  
24 section. This is accomplished within the next year following the three year period.

25 (5) It is appropriate to establish road weight limits to minimize excessive road damages.

26 **Section 3. Powers to Accomplish Maintenance.** The general powers relating to county  
27 roads to execute this law remain with the board of county commissioners of each county in  
28 compliance with Montana Code Annotated laws 7-14-2101 and 7-14-2102.

29 **Section 4. Funding.** Costs for repair and reconstruction will come from county funds.  
30 Additional funding will come from the state department of transportation, and need shall be  
31 determined by the board of county commissioners.

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**Section 5.** This bill shall become effective beginning fiscal year 2009.  
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