

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

_____ Bill Number _____

Legislative Action:

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House Committee: _____
House: _____
Senate Committee: _____
Senate: _____
Governor: _____

Delegation: Southwest Montana Family YMCA

Referred to Committee: _____

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "ANACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO HELP FUND
2 THE MONTANA BRUCILLOSIS ACTION PLAN TO HELP MONTANA REGAIN ITS
3 BRUCELLOSIS FREE STATUS"
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6 WHEREAS, Brucellosis is a sickness found in ruminant animals that will cause the carriers of
7 the disease to abort their fetuses. Because our state had two cases within a two year period, we
8 lost our Brucellosis Free Status.

9 WHEREAS, humans can contract brucellosis from such things as drinking the milk from an
10 infected animal or touching the aborted fetus

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
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15 **Section 1.** The State of Montana shall fund 2.8 million dollars to the Montana
16 Brucellosis Action Plan that will affect the counties of Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Park,
17 Gallatin, Madison, and Beaverhead.

18 **Section 2.** Required tests are: entire herd testing, movement testing, change of
19 ownership testing and cull cow/export testing. Recommended as best management practice
20 include but are not limited to: aborted fetus testing, Syndromatic testing, official calf hood
21 vaccination, and adult vaccination

22 **Section 3.** Cattle going through a change of ownership will be required to be tested if
23 they are sexually intact and over 12 months of age. If the cattle are being tested for any of the
24 other above listed tests the animals must be sexually intact and over 18 months of age.

25 **Section 4.** The Fish Wildlife and Parks will be asked to help this plan by assisting in
26 maintaining a separation between cattle and elk from the Greater Yellowstone Area.

27 **Section 5.** This bill will sunset after one year; if further cases are found the state will be
28 required to fund this plan for one more year.

29 **Section 6.** The 2009 funds needed for this bill will be acquired through the State of
30 Montana General Funds.

31 **Section 7.** This bill will become effective upon passage.
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