

**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the Law and Justice Interim Committee

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act eliminating the report on expenditures authorized by the annual license tax on attorneys; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 37-61-211, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-61-211. Annual license tax -- municipal tax prohibited.

(1) Every attorney or counselor at law admitted by the supreme court of the state to practice within the state is required to pay a license tax of \$25 a year. The tax is payable to and collected by the clerk of the supreme court on or before April 1 of each year.

(2) Upon the payment of the tax, the clerk shall issue and deliver a certificate to the person paying the tax, certifying to the payment of the license tax and stating the period covered by the payment.

(3) (a) The tax collections must be allocated to the supreme court for operations of the following commissions or other entities:

- (i) commission on code of judicial conduct;
- (ii) commission on courts of limited jurisdiction;
- (iii) commission on practice;

- (iv) commission on technology;
- (v) district court council;
- (vi) judicial nomination commission;
- (vii) judicial standards commission;
- (viii) sentence review division; and
- (ix) uniform district court rules commission.

~~(b) The court administrator shall, as provided in 3-1-702(2), report annually on expenditures authorized in subsection (3)(a) of this section at the first meeting of the law and justice interim committee after the end of each fiscal year.~~

(4) A license tax may not be imposed upon attorneys by a municipality or any other subdivision of the state."

{ Internal References to 37-61-211:
37-61-214x }

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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