

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGHWAY PATROL  
5 OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature established the Highway Patrol Officers' Retirement System in 1945 for  
8 members of the Montana Highway Patrol; and

9 WHEREAS, the mission of the Montana Highway Patrol is to focus on safeguarding the lives, property,  
10 and constitutional rights of the people traveling the highways of Montana; and

11 WHEREAS, as of the end of fiscal year 2024, there are 225 active members of the Highway Patrol  
12 Officers' Retirement System and 375 retirees and beneficiaries; and

13 WHEREAS, as of the end of fiscal year 2024, the Highway Patrol Officers' Retirement System has an  
14 unfunded liability of \$65,377,745; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a preliminary unassigned fiscal year 2024 fund balance of \$1,028,009,187 for the  
16 general fund.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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20 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$65 million from the general fund  
21 to the Montana highway patrol officers' retirement system pension fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
22 2025, as a one-time supplemental contribution to the highway patrol officers' retirement system.

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24 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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