

HOUSE BILL NO. 476

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Grant program for installation and maintenance of newborn safety devices -- rulemaking authority. (1) The department of public health and human services shall award competitive grants to eligible fire departments, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies for the installation and maintenance of newborn safety devices.

(2) The department may not award more than \$20,000 to an applicant.

(3) An applicant or recipient shall comply with the provisions of 40-6-401 through [section 1] and rules established by the department for the administration of the program.

(4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section, including provisions for an application process, evaluation criteria, and information reporting by grant recipients.

(5) The department shall report to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee on the status and results of the program by September 30, 2027.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$160,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for the purposes of [section 1]. Funds that are unencumbered by June 30, 2027, must revert to the general fund.

1 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
2 integral part of Title 40, chapter 6, part 4, and the provisions of Title 40, chapter 6, part 4, apply to [section 1].

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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6 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2027.

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