

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 669
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ALLOCATIONS OF MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE;
5 ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE HEALING AND ENDING ADDICTION THROUGH
6 RECOVERY AND TREATMENT ACCOUNT; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-2-
7 108, 16-12-101, 16-12-111, 23-1-105, 23-2-108, AND 87-5-121, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 117, CHAPTER
8 576, LAWS OF 2021; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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12 **Section 1.** Section 10-2-108, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"10-2-108. Veterans and surviving spouses state special revenue account.** (1) There is a
14 veterans and surviving spouses account in the state special revenue fund to be administered by the veterans'
15 affairs division of the department of military affairs. ~~The account consists of revenue deposited pursuant to 16-~~
16 ~~42-114.~~

17 (2) The account must be used to provide services and assistance for all Montana veterans and
18 surviving spouses and dependents."

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20 **Section 2.** Section 16-12-101, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"16-12-101. Short title -- purpose.** (1) This chapter may be cited as the "Montana Marijuana
22 Regulation and Taxation Act".

23 (2) The purpose of this chapter is to:

24 (a) provide for legal possession and use of limited amounts of marijuana legal for adults 21 years
25 of age or older;

26 (b) provide for the licensure and regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, production, distribution,
27 transportation, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products;

28 (c) eliminate the illicit market for marijuana and marijuana products;

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1 (a) ~~all~~ money collected under 15-30-2387 and all interest earned by the fund before being expended
2 under this section; ~~and~~

3 (b) ~~money from marijuana taxes deposited under 16-12-111.~~

4 (3) Money in the account must be used by the department, upon the approval of the commission
5 as determined under 87-5-122, to provide adequate funding for:

6 (a) research and education programs on nongame wildlife in Montana, as provided for in 87-5-104;
7 and

8 (b) any management programs for nongame wildlife approved by the legislature under 87-5-105 as
9 species or subspecies in need of management.

10 (4) The money is available to the department in the same manner as provided in 87-1-601, except
11 that money collected under 15-30-2387 may not be used:

12 (a) for the purchase of any real property; or

13 (b) in such a way as to interfere with the production on or management of private property."
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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Reporting on use of healing and ending addiction through recovery**
16 **and treatment account.** The department of public health and human services shall report to the children,
17 families, health, and human services interim committee, in accordance with 5-11-210, on a quarterly basis. The
18 report must identify grantees and amounts of grants awarded by the department that are funded by the funds in
19 the account provided for in 16-12-122.

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21 **Section 8.** Section 117, Chapter 576, Laws of 2021, is amended to read:

22 **"Section 117. Termination.** (1) [Section 38(15)(b)(ii)] terminates October 1, 2023. After October 1,
23 2023, a hoop house is not an indoor cultivation facility.

24 (2) [Section 46(4)(b)(vi)] terminates June 30, ~~2025~~ 2023."
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26 **NEW SECTION. Section 9. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$10,000 from the general fund to
27 the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to provide the
28 reporting required in [section 7].

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2 **NEW SECTION. Section 10. Appropriations.** There is appropriated from the general fund in each
3 year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023:

4 (1) \$8.7 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely as funding for wildlife
5 habitat in the same manner as funding generated under 87-1-242(3) and used pursuant to 87-1-209;

6 (2) \$1.75 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely for the same
7 purposes as those of the state park account established in 23-1-105(1);

8 (3) \$1.75 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely for the same
9 purposes as those of the trails and recreational facilities account established in 23-2-108;

10 (4) \$1.75 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely for the same
11 purposes as those of the nongame wildlife account established in 87-5-121;

12 (5) \$2.5 million to the department of natural resources and conservation for conservation districts;
13 and

14 (6) \$2.5 million to the department of military affairs to be used solely for the same purposes as
15 those of the veterans and surviving spouses state special revenue account provided for in 10-2-108.

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17 **NEW SECTION. Section 11. Codification instruction.** [Section 7] is intended to be codified as an
18 integral part of Title 16, chapter 12, part 1, and the provisions of Title 16, chapter 12, part 1, apply to [section 7].

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20 **NEW SECTION. Section 12. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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