

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 407

2 INTRODUCED BY C. VINCENT, ANKNEY, CURTISS, HEINERT, HIMMELBERGER, LANGE, MALCOLM,  
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING ~~\$3 MILLION~~ \$1 MILLION FOR THE 2008 FISCAL  
6 YEAR AND \$1 MILLION FOR THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DIVISION, FOR GRANTS TO  
8 COUNTY HEALTH BOARDS IN COUNTIES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED A PROLIFERATION OF TREMOLITE  
9 ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASES FOR ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPLEMENT  
10 HEALTH CARE PLANS AND PROVIDE SCREENING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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12 WHEREAS, ongoing litigation with W.R. Grace & Company and delays at the federal level in approving  
13 asbestos-related legislation put future funding for programs that assist those exposed to asbestos in jeopardy;  
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15 WHEREAS, programs providing annual screening benefits to individuals exposed to asbestos and  
16 supplementing the health care needs of individuals diagnosed with asbestos-related diseases have limited  
17 funding.

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

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21 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated for the 2009 biennium ~~\$3 million~~ \$1  
22 MILLION FOR THE 2008 FISCAL YEAR AND \$1 MILLION FOR THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR from the general fund to the  
23 department of public health and human services, public health and safety division. The money may be used only  
24 for grants to COUNTY HEALTH BOARDS IN COUNTIES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED A PROLIFERATION OF TREMOLITE  
25 ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASES FOR programs that pay certain costs associated with annual screenings for  
26 asbestos-related diseases and that assist individuals who have a positive result as determined by a qualified  
27 physician for asbestos-related diseases and who have medical needs that are not fully covered by a  
28 governmental, group, or individual health care plan. AT THE END OF THE 2008 FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
29 PREPARE A REPORT OUTLINING THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ASSISTED THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE AMOUNT  
30 OF FUNDING NEEDED BY EACH PARTICIPANT, AND THE ESTIMATED FUNDING NEEDED TO PAY THE FUTURE COSTS OF

1 PARTICIPANTS. IF THE REPORT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM  
2 COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO 5-5-225, BY JUNE 30, 2008, THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATION IS VOID.

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4 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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