

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
INFORMATION SHEET**

SENATE BILL NO 33

(REVISING SECTION 10-3-312, MCA, TO REFLECT CHANGE OF US CODE)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE STATE'S SHARE FOR
PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS UNDER THE FEDERAL
MAJOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

INTENT

SB 33 will amend Section 10-3-312 (Maximum expenditure by governor – appropriation), MCA, to remove reference to 42 USC Section 5178, which was repealed, and replace it with 42 USC Section 5174, which is the current statute that provides for the “Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households” program.

The Assistance to Individuals and Households program can be utilized when there has been a major disaster declared by the President and in consultation with the Governor it may provide financial assistance to individuals who are unable to meet living expenses through other means. Assistance provided under this program has a cost share of 25%/75% state / federal. Section 10-3-312, MCA, provides state match funding up to \$500,000 per biennium. Section 10-3-312, MCA, was amended in 2001, in order to allow the State to participate in the Individual and Household Assistance program. Since adoption of the program in 2001, the State has only utilized it once in response to the 2011 floods.

CONCLUSION

SB 33 amends Section 10-3-312, MCA, to reflect repeal of 42 United States Code Section 5178 and add 42 United States Code Section 5174, as it applies to the State's share of the Federal Assistance to Individuals and Household disaster relief program.

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