

SENATE BILL NO. 427
INTRODUCED BY G. PERRY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE STATE'S ROLE IN PROVIDING ALLOTMENTS OR ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS RELATED TO FEDERAL GRANTS ADDRESSING CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY; AMENDING SECTION 53-24-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 53-24-206, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-24-206. Administration of financial assistance. (1) The department may apply for and receive grants, allotments, or allocations of funds or other assistance for purposes pertaining to the problems of chemical dependency or related social problems under laws and rules of the United States, any other state, or any private organization.

(2) The department may cooperate with any other government agency or private organization in programs on chemical dependency or related social problems. In carrying out cooperative programs, the department may make grants of financial assistance to government agencies and private organizations under terms and conditions agreed upon. If the department is providing financial assistance originating from a federal grant, the terms and conditions imposed by the department may not be more stringent in any way than the terms and conditions required by the original granting entity.

(3) (a) In administering proceeds derived from the liquor license tax, the beer license tax, or the wine tax, the department shall distribute those funds appropriated by the legislature. Money that is appropriated for distribution to approved private or public programs on a discretionary basis must be distributed to those programs that can demonstrate that:

(i) the program is achieving the goals and objectives mutually agreed upon by the program and the department; and

(ii) the receipt of additional funds would be justified.

(b) The remainder of the proceeds must be distributed to the counties for use by approved private or public programs. The distribution of these proceeds is statutorily appropriated as provided in 17-7-502 and must be distributed in the following manner:

(i) Eighty-five percent must be allocated according to the proportion of each county's population to the

state's population according to the most recent United States census.

(ii) Fifteen percent must be allocated according to the proportion of the county's land area to the state's land area.

(c) Money distributed under subsection (3) may only be used for purposes pertaining to the problems of alcoholism and chemical dependency."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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