

1 SENATE BILL NO. 401

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3 BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION STANDING COMMITTEE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING AND EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD
6 OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; SPECIFYING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING RULEMAKING
7 AUTHORITY FOR THE BOARD; ESTABLISHING A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AND A FEDERAL
8 SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR VETERANS' SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD
9 TO SPONSOR PATRIOTIC LICENSE PLATES; AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE FOR VETERANS'
10 SERVICE OFFICERS; ALLOWING THE BOARD TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS AND DONATIONS;
11 SPECIFYING THE ACCOUNT TO WHICH DONATIONS ARE DEPOSITED; TRANSFERRING FROM THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS TO THE BOARD THE OVERSIGHT OF AND RULEMAKING
13 AUTHORITY FOR STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL VETERANS'
14 CEMETERIES; TRANSFERRING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS TO THE BOARD OF
15 VETERANS' AFFAIRS THE OVERSIGHT OF A SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR VETERANS'
16 CEMETERIES; ALLOWING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE VETERANS'
17 SERVICES; REVISING CERTAIN VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE REGISTRATION FEES TO BENEFIT STATE
18 VETERANS' SERVICES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1205, 10-2-102, 10-2-106, 10-2-601, 10-2-602,
19 10-2-603, 15-1-122, AND 61-3-321, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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21 WHEREAS, the 57th Legislature requested a study of veterans' issues, and the State Administration
22 and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee conducted numerous hearings, received expert testimony, and
23 examined research during a 14-month period; and

24 WHEREAS, the Interim Committee found that, using 2000 data, Montana's population of nearly 107,000
25 veterans and an estimated 170,000 family members of veterans not only ranks Montana second in the nation
26 in the number of veterans per capita (11.9%) but also means that veterans and their family members constitute
27 more than 25% of Montana's total population; and

28 WHEREAS, the Interim Committee found that more than 80,000 Montana veterans are combat-era
29 veterans (more than 36,000 are Vietnam-era, more than 16,000 are Persian Gulf-era, more than 16,000 are
30 World War II-era, and about 14,000 are Korean-era veterans) and that the largest group of veterans is now

1 between 50 and 65 years of age; and

2 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that more than 50% of combat theater
3 veterans suffer from clinically serious and disabling posttraumatic stress disorder, that twice as many veterans
4 as nonveterans experience homelessness, that many veterans have overlapping and complex needs
5 encompassing medical and nursing home care, mental health and chemical dependency counseling, housing,
6 transportation, education and training, job services, and family support services, and that the children and
7 families of veterans who do not get the help that they need are themselves at risk; and

8 WHEREAS, these complex needs and a maze of federal, state, local, public, and private services
9 demand a high level of interagency coordination and cooperation for effective service delivery to ensure that
10 veterans and their families do not fall through the cracks and to avoid unnecessary cost-shifting from federal to
11 state and local public assistance programs; and

12 WHEREAS, the Interim Committee found that current statutory language establishing the Board of
13 Veterans' Affairs as the lead agency for veterans' affairs dates back to 1919 and that although the Board's duties
14 and responsibilities have consistently evolved, statutory language has not kept pace; and

15 WHEREAS, the Board hires and supervises its own classified employees, who make up the Montana
16 Veterans' Affairs Division, but the Board does not have rulemaking authority to implement programs; and

17 WHEREAS, the Board is administratively attached to the Department of Military Affairs, which has
18 greatly assisted veterans and supported the Board but has no statutory authority over veterans' affairs; and

19 WHEREAS, a legislative performance audit requested by the Interim Committee revealed that although
20 the Montana Veterans' Affairs Division is to be commended for doing a great job with limited resources and
21 limited statutory guidance, it also revealed that new management tools and updated information management
22 systems are needed to provide more consistency and to track and manage staff workload; and

23 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs spent about \$175 million in Montana during fiscal
24 year 2000, which ranked Montana 37th nationwide` in per capita expenditures by the U.S. Department of
25 Veterans Affairs on veterans; and

26 WHEREAS, the Interim Committee found that a statutory restructuring of powers, duties, and
27 responsibilities for state veterans' affairs programs is essential, not only to address inadvertent statutory
28 shortfalls and elevate the profile of state veterans' affairs, but also to better integrate benefit claims with human
29 services programs so that eligible veterans and family members receive the federal compensation, benefits, and
30 care that they have earned in self-sacrificing service in the armed forces of the United States of America.

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

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4 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-1205, MCA, is amended to read:5 **"2-15-1205. Board of veterans' affairs -- composition -- quorum -- voting -- compensation --**6 **allocation.** (1) There is a board of veterans' affairs.7 (2) (a) The board consists of five 20 members. All members must be residents of this state. Eleven
8 members are voting members, who must be confirmed by the senate, and nine members are nonvoting, ex
9 officio members.10 (b) The governor shall appoint 19 members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate.
11 Not more than one member shall be appointed from a single county. However, a change of residence within the
12 state after appointment does not alter a member's status. in a manner that provides for staggered terms. The
13 members are:14 (i) All five regional representatives, who must be voting members and who members shall be residents
15 of this state and shall must have been honorably discharged from service in the military forces of the United
16 States in any of its wars. Each must be appointed to represent a different geographic region of the state and
17 must be a resident of that geographic region. The board shall establish the geographic regions by rule. A
18 member who represents a geographic region and who changes residence to a different geographic region may
19 no longer serve on the board unless appointed as a representative for the new location or as a representative
20 meeting other criteria.21 (ii) one honorably discharged veteran, who must be a voting member and serve as a representative of
22 veterans at large;23 (iii) one tribal member who must be an honorably discharged veteran and who is a voting member;24 (iv) three members who must have training, education, or experience related to veterans' issues,
25 including but not limited to health and medical care, mental health care, chemical or drug dependency,
26 homelessness, or job training and placement. These three members are voting members.27 (v) a representative of the office of state coordinator of Indian affairs, who is a nonvoting member;28 (vi) a representative from the department of public health and human services, who is a nonvoting
29 member;30 (vii) a representative of the United States department of veterans affairs, who is a nonvoting member;

1 (viii) a representative of the veterans' employment and training service office in the United States
 2 department of labor, who is a nonvoting member;

3 (ix) a representative of the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee, who is a
 4 nonvoting member;

5 (x) three members, one representing each house and senate member of Montana's congressional
 6 delegation, who are nonvoting members; and

7 (xi) the director of the department of military affairs, who is a nonvoting member.

8 (c) ~~The Montana members~~ TRIBAL LEADERS of the ~~Montana-Wyoming~~ EIGHT tribal leaders council
 9 COUNCILS IN MONTANA may appoint one voting member who is affiliated with a Montana tribe and is an honorably
 10 discharged veteran. If a tribal member is not appointed by the ~~Montana-Wyoming~~ MONTANA tribal leaders
 11 council, the governor shall choose this member by lot from a pool of names submitted by the eight tribal councils
 12 in the state, with each tribal council submitting one name.

13 (3) A vacancy occurring on the board shall ~~shall~~ must be filled by the governor, subject to the conditions of
 14 this subsection (2).

15 (4) A quorum is six voting members.

16 (5) A vote resulting in a tie is the same as a negative vote.

17 ~~(3)(6)~~ Each voting member shall ~~shall~~ must receive ~~compensation~~ meals, lodging, and travel expenses as
 18 provided for in ~~37-1-133~~ 2-18-501 through 2-18-503. ~~COMPENSATION FOR THE LEGISLATOR WHO REPRESENTS THE~~
 19 STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE MUST BE PAID FROM THE BOARD OF VETERANS'
 20 AFFAIRS BUDGET.

21 (7) The board shall meet at least four times a year. Special meetings may be called by the administrator
 22 or by a majority of voting members. Meetings may be held at different locations around the state to give local
 23 veterans an opportunity to attend. Advance notice of meetings must be provided to all veterans' groups and to
 24 any individual who requests notification.

25 ~~(4)(8)~~ Each voting member shall ~~shall~~ may serve for a maximum of two terms. Each term ~~of 5~~ is for 4 years.

26 ~~(5)(9)~~ A member may be removed by the governor only for incompetence, malfeasance, or neglect of
 27 duty.

28 (10) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in
 29 2-15-121. However, the board may hire its own personnel, ~~and 2-15-121(2)(d) does not apply~~ including an
 30 administrator. The administrator shall serve as the secretary of the board and may represent the board in

1 communications with the governor and with other state agencies, notwithstanding the provisions of
 2 2-15-121(3)(a)."

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4 **Section 2.** Section 10-2-102, MCA, is amended to read:

5 **"10-2-102. ~~Duty~~ Duties of board -- employee qualifications.** (1) The board shall establish a statewide
 6 service for ~~discharged~~ veterans and their families; as provided in this section. The board shall:

7 (a) actively cooperate with local, state, and federal agencies ~~having to do with~~ whose services
 8 encompass the affairs of veterans and their families; ~~and;~~

9 (b) promote the general welfare of all veterans and their families;

10 (c) assist veterans and their families who are residents of this state in filing claims for the benefits to
 11 which they are entitled. In carrying out this duty, the board and its accredited employees shall, upon the request
 12 of an eligible claimant, act as agents for the claimant in developing and presenting claims for benefits provided
 13 under Title 38 of the United States Code. The board shall seek to secure speedy and just action for each
 14 claimant. A board employee officially acting as an agent on behalf of a claimant must be properly accredited and
 15 recognized pursuant to 38 CFR 14.628 and 14.629.

16 (d) officially advocate for the fair treatment of Montana's veterans and their families by the U.S.
 17 department of veterans affairs with respect to claims processing, health care services, and other veteran-related
 18 programs and inform veterans and their family members of all available grievance procedures;

19 (e) develop and implement an information and communication program to keep veterans and their
 20 family members informed about available federal, state, and community-based services and benefits. The
 21 program may include but is not limited to:

22 (i) development and distribution of a services and benefits directory;

23 (ii) regular public service announcements through various media;

24 (iii) an internet website with information and links relevant to veterans and their families and including
 25 information about board meetings and activities related to veterans' affairs; and

26 (iv) a quarterly newsletter, which may be printed or electronically distributed by e-mail or by posting it
 27 to an appropriate website.

28 (f) seek grants to help fund veterans' programs established pursuant to this section;

29 (g) develop a memorandum of understanding with the federal veterans' employment and training
 30 service and with other appropriate entities to facilitate interagency cooperation, such as resource sharing,

1 cross-training, data and information sharing, and service delivery coordination;

2 (h) establish management tools, including but not limited to needs assessments, policy statements,
3 program goals and objectives, performance measures, and program evaluation criteria;

4 (i) prepare a biennial report to the governor, the department of military affairs, the appropriate legislative
5 interim committee, and veterans' service organizations. The report must include but is not limited to the latest
6 information about the demographics of Montana's veteran population, a needs assessment, annual summaries
7 of the veterans' special revenue accounts established in [section 3] and 10-2-603, and a review of the veterans'
8 affairs budget.

9 (j) request legislation responsive to identified needs.

10 (2) Employees of the board must be residents of this state. Whenever possible, all employees of the
11 board must have served in the military forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, the Korean
12 war, ~~or~~ the Vietnam conflict, or other period of conflict involving the United States military overseas and must
13 have been honorably discharged. Preference for employment must be given to disabled veterans.

14 (3) The board shall hire an administrator to implement board policy and carry out the duties of the
15 board."

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17 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Veterans' services special revenue account -- sources of funds --**
18 **designated uses.** (1) There is a veterans' services account in the state special revenue fund, established
19 pursuant to 17-2-102(1)(b), to the credit of the board.

20 (2) ~~Money collected from fees on motor vehicle registrations, as described in 61-3-321, TRANSFERRED~~
21 PURSUANT TO 15-1-122(3)(G) from license plate sales as described in [section 5], and from gifts, grants, or
22 donations must be deposited in the veterans' services account.

23 (3) Legislative appropriations of money in the veterans' services account must be used for the purposes
24 identified in 10-2-102 or other functions authorized by the board.

25 (4) There is a veterans' services FEDERAL ACCOUNT IN THE federal special revenue fund established for
26 federal funds received under 10-2-106 ~~and known as the veterans' services federal account.~~

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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Rulemaking authority.** The board shall adopt rules in accordance with
29 the Montana Administrative Procedure Act provided for in Title 2, chapter 4, to implement the provisions of this
30 part.

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2 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Patriotic license plates -- surcharge -- disposition.** (1) Subject to
3 61-3-472 through 61-3-481 and this section, the board may sponsor a generic specialty license plate designed
4 as a patriotic salute to Montana's military veterans.

5 (2) A Montana resident may purchase patriotic plates for a \$15 surcharge to be paid for each original
6 set of plates and each renewal. The surcharge is in addition to the one-time administrative fee charged pursuant
7 to 61-3-480(1).

8 (3) The surcharge collected pursuant to this section must be remitted as provided in 61-3-480 and
9 deposited to the veterans' services account established in [section 3(1)].

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. County veterans' service officers.** A county may, with the advice of the
12 board, provide for a county veterans' service officer to assist veterans and their families in filing benefit claims.
13 If a county provides for a veterans' service officer under this section, the officer must be trained, accredited, and
14 supervised in accordance with the applicable provisions of 38 CFR 14.629. A county may fund the position as
15 provided for in 15-10-425 or through other means provided by law.

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17 **Section 7.** Section 10-2-106, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"10-2-106. Acceptance of federal funds or other funds.** (1) The board may accept from the federal
19 government or any of its agencies thereof any funds made available to carry out ~~purposes within the scope of~~
20 the activities and purposes of the board as identified in 10-2-102 and ~~accept such funds as the board directs.~~
21 Federal funds must be deposited in the VETERANS' SERVICES federal special revenue account established in
22 [section 3(4)].

23 (2) The board may accept gifts, grants, or donations from other public or private sources, which must
24 be used within the scope of activities and purposes identified in 10-2-102 or as otherwise authorized by the
25 board.

26 (3) Gifts, grants, or donations must be deposited in the veterans' services ~~state special revenue~~ account
27 established in [section 3(1)] unless specifically assigned by the donor to the special revenue account for state
28 veterans' cemeteries established in 10-2-603."

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30 **Section 8.** Section 10-2-601, MCA, is amended to read:

1 **"10-2-601. State veterans' cemeteries.** ~~The department of military affairs board~~ shall establish and
 2 operate state veterans' cemeteries. A cemetery must be located at Fort William Henry Harrison, Lewis and Clark
 3 County, Montana, and at Miles City. The board may establish additional state veterans' cemeteries as funding
 4 appropriated pursuant to 10-2-603 allows."

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 6 **Section 9.** Section 10-2-602, MCA, is amended to read:
 7 **"10-2-602. Rulemaking authority.** ~~The department of military affairs board~~ shall adopt rules that to
 8 administer the state veterans' cemetery program and to provide criteria for determining which veterans who may
 9 be buried in a state veterans' cemetery. The criteria must include but are not limited to discharge status and
 10 length of service. The rules must be adopted in accordance with the Montana Administrative Procedure Act
 11 provided for in Title 2, chapter 4."

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 13 **Section 10.** Section 10-2-603, MCA, is amended to read:
 14 **"10-2-603. Special revenue account -- use of funds -- solicitation.** (1) There is an account in the
 15 special revenue fund to the credit of the ~~department of military affairs board~~ for the state veterans' cemeteries.
 16 (2) Plot allowances, ~~and donations~~ to the cemetery program, and fund transfers pursuant to
 17 15-1-122(3)(d) must be deposited into the account.
 18 (3) As appropriated by the legislature, money in the account may be used only for the construction,
 19 maintenance, operation, and administration of the state veterans' cemeteries.
 20 (4) ~~The department of military affairs may~~ board shall solicit veterans' license plate sales and donations
 21 on behalf of the state veterans' cemeteries."

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 23 NEW SECTION. **Section 11. Income tax deduction for contribution to veterans' programs.** (1) A
 24 taxpayer who itemizes deductions in filing an individual or a joint income tax return may, in computing net
 25 income, claim a deduction for donations to the veterans' services ~~special revenue~~ account established in [section
 26 3(1)], the state veterans' cemetery program pursuant to 10-2-603, or any surcharge paid pursuant to [section
 27 5] UNLESS THE AMOUNT IS INCLUDED AS A DEDUCTION UNDER 15-30-121(1)(A).

28 (2) A taxpayer may enclose a separate check or other payment to contribute to the veterans' special
 29 revenue accounts, established in [section 3(1)] and 10-2-603 and count that deduction from taxes for the year
 30 in which the donation was made.

1 (3) The department shall provide a form to identify the deduction, and the contribution must be attached
2 to the form.

3 (4) All money received pursuant to subsection (1) must be forwarded upon receipt by the department
4 to the state treasurer for deposit in the veterans' services account established in [section 3(1)] or to the special
5 revenue account established in 10-2-603. If the taxpayer does not specify to which fund the contribution is
6 intended to go, the department shall deposit the money in the veterans' services account established in [section
7 3(1)]. The department may not make deductions for administrative expenses in handling these donations.

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9 **SECTION 12. SECTION 15-1-122, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:**

10 **"15-1-122. Fund transfers.** (1) There is transferred from the state general fund to the adoption services
11 account, provided for in 42-2-105, \$36,764 for fiscal year 2003. Beginning with fiscal year 2004, the amount of
12 the transfer must be increased by 10% in each succeeding fiscal year.

13 (2) There is transferred from the state general fund to the department of transportation state special
14 revenue nonrestricted account the following amounts:

15 (a) \$75,000 in fiscal year 2003;

16 (b) \$2,960,715 in fiscal year 2004; and

17 (c) in each succeeding fiscal year, the amount in subsection (2)(b), increased by 1.5% in each
18 succeeding fiscal year.

19 (3) For fiscal year 2002 and for each succeeding fiscal year, there is transferred from the state general
20 fund to the accounts, entities, or recipients indicated the following amounts:

21 (a) to the motor vehicle recycling and disposal program provided for in Title 75, chapter 10, part 5:

22 (i) \$2 for each new application for a motor vehicle title and for each transfer of a motor vehicle title for
23 which a fee is paid pursuant to 61-3-203; and

24 (ii) \$1 for each passenger car or truck under 8,001 pounds GVW registered for licensing pursuant to Title
25 61, chapter 3, part 3. Fifteen cents of each dollar must be used for the purpose of reimbursing the hired removal
26 of abandoned vehicles during the calendar year following the calendar year in which the fee was paid. Any
27 portion of the 15 cents not used for abandoned vehicle removal reimbursement during the calendar year
28 following its payment must be used as provided in 75-10-532;

29 (b) to the noxious weed state special revenue account provided for in 80-7-816:

30 (i) \$1 for each off-highway vehicle subject to payment of the fee in lieu of tax, as provided for in

1 23-2-803; and

2 (ii) \$1.50 for each light vehicle, truck or bus weighing less than 1 ton, logging truck, vehicles weighing
3 more than 1 ton, motorcycle, quadricycle, and motor home subject to registration or reregistration pursuant to
4 61-3-321;

5 (c) to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks:

6 (i) \$2.50 for each motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft receiving a certificate of number under
7 23-2-512, with 20% of the amount received to be used to acquire and maintain pumpout equipment and other
8 boat facilities;

9 (ii) \$5 for each snowmobile registered under 23-2-616, with \$2.50 to be used for enforcing the purposes
10 of 23-2-601 through 23-2-644 and \$2.50 designated for use in the development, maintenance, and operation
11 of snowmobile facilities;

12 (iii) \$1 for each duplicate snowmobile decal issued under 23-2-617;

13 (iv) \$5 for each off-highway vehicle decal issued under 23-2-804 and each off-highway vehicle duplicate
14 decal issued under 23-2-809, with 40% of the money used to enforce the provisions of 23-2-804 and 60% of the
15 money used to develop and implement a comprehensive program and to plan appropriate off-highway vehicle
16 recreational use;

17 (v) to the state special revenue fund established in 23-1-105, \$3.50 for each recreational vehicle,
18 camper, motor home, and travel trailer registered or reregistered and subject to the fee in 61-3-321 or 61-3-524;
19 and

20 (vi) an amount equal to 20% of the funds collected pursuant to 23-2-518 to be deposited in the
21 motorboat account to be used as provided in 23-2-533;

22 (d) to the state veterans' cemetery account, provided for in 10-2-603, \$10 for each veteran's license
23 plate issued pursuant to 61-3-332(10)(a)(ii), (10)(f), and (10)(h);

24 (e) to the supplemental benefits for highway patrol officers' retirement account provided for in 19-6-709,
25 25 cents for each motor vehicle registered, other than trailers or semitrailers registered in other jurisdictions and
26 registered through a proportional registration agreement; and

27 (f) 25 cents a year for each vehicle subject to the fee in 61-3-321(6) for deposit in the state special
28 revenue fund to the credit of the senior citizens and persons with disabilities transportation services account
29 provided for in 7-14-112.

30 (g) 50 cents a year for each vehicle subject to the fee in 61-3-321(7) for deposit in the state special

1 revenue fund to the credit of the veterans' services account provided for in [section 3(1)].

2 (4) For fiscal year 2002, there is transferred from the state general fund to the state special revenue
3 fund to be used for purposes of state funding of district court expenses, as provided in 3-5-901, \$5,742,983 in
4 lieu of the amount deposited by the state treasurer under 61-3-509(3), as that subsection read prior to the
5 amendment of 61-3-509 in 2001.

6 (5) For each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2002, the department of justice shall provide to the
7 department of revenue a count of the vehicles required for the calculations in subsection (3). Transfer amounts
8 for fiscal year 2002 must be based on vehicle counts for calendar year 2000. Transfer amounts in each
9 succeeding fiscal year must be based on vehicle counts in the most recent calendar year for which vehicle
10 information is available.

11 (6) The amounts transferred from the general fund to the designated recipient must be appropriated
12 as state special revenue in the general appropriations act for the designated purposes."

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14 **Section 13.** Section 61-3-321, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"61-3-321. Registration fees of vehicles -- certain vehicles exempt from license or registration**
16 **fees -- disposition of fees.** (1) Registration or license fees must be paid upon registration or reregistration of
17 motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, in accordance with this chapter, as follows:

18 (a) light vehicles under 2,850 pounds, \$13.75;

19 (b) trailers with a declared weight of less than 2,500 pounds and semitrailers, \$8.25;

20 (c) motor vehicles registered pursuant to 61-3-411 that are:

21 (i) over 2,850 pounds, \$10; and

22 (ii) under 2,850 pounds, \$5;

23 (d) off-highway vehicles registered pursuant to 23-2-817, \$9;

24 (e) light vehicles over 2,850 pounds, trucks and buses less than 1 ton, and heavy trucks in excess of
25 1 ton, \$18.75;

26 (f) logging trucks less than 1 ton, \$23.75;

27 (g) motor homes, \$22.25;

28 (h) motorcycles and quadricycles, \$9.75;

29 (i) trailers and semitrailers between 2,500 and 6,000 pounds, \$11.25;

30 (j) trailers and semitrailers in excess of 6,000 pounds, other than trailers and semitrailers registered in

1 other jurisdictions and registered through a proportional registration agreement, \$16.25;

2 (k) travel trailers, \$11.75; and

3 (l) recreational vehicles, \$3.50.

4 (2) If a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is originally registered 6 months after the time of registration
5 as set by law, the registration or license fee for the remainder of the year is one-half of the regular fee.

6 (3) An additional fee of \$5 must be collected for the registration of each motorcycle as a safety fee and
7 must be deposited in the state motorcycle safety account provided for in 20-25-1002.

8 (4) A fee of \$2 for each set of new number plates must be collected when number plates provided for
9 under 61-3-332(2) are issued.

10 (5) The provisions of this part with respect to the payment of registration fees do not apply to and are
11 not binding upon motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or tractors owned or controlled by the United States of
12 America or any state, county, city, or special district, as defined in 18-8-202.

13 (6) (a) Except as provided in 61-3-562 and subsection (6)(b) of this section, a fee of 25 cents a year for
14 each registration of a vehicle must be collected when a vehicle is registered or reregistered. The revenue
15 derived from this fee must be forwarded by the county treasurer for deposit in the general fund for transfer to
16 the credit of the senior citizens and persons with disabilities transportation services account provided for in
17 7-14-112.

18 (b) The following vehicles are not subject to the fee imposed in subsection (6)(a):

19 (i) trailers and semitrailers registered in other jurisdictions and registered through a proportional
20 registration agreement; and

21 (ii) travel trailers, recreational vehicles, and off-highway vehicles registered pursuant to 23-2-817.

22 (7) (a) Except as provided in 61-3-562 and subsection (7)(b) of this section, a fee of 50 cents a year for
23 each registration of a vehicle must be collected for deposit in the veterans' services state special revenue
24 account established in [section 3(1)] when a vehicle is registered or reregistered. The county treasurer shall
25 forward revenue derived from this fee to the state for deposit in the account GENERAL FUND.

26 (b) The following vehicles are not subject to the fee:

27 (i) trailers and semitrailers registered in other jurisdictions and registered through a proportional
28 registration agreement;

29 (ii) off-highway vehicles registered pursuant to 23-2-817; and

30 (iii) vehicles bearing license plates described in 61-3-332(10)(d).

