

## HOUSE BILL NO. 41

INTRODUCED BY S. AUGARE

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT IN THE FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND; AMENDING SECTION 90-4-215, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 90-4-215, MCA, is amended to read:

**"90-4-215. Account established -- use.** (1) There is ~~created~~ an energy conservation and energy assistance account within the federal special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.

(2) The amounts deposited in the account and interest and earnings on the account may be used by the department of public health and human services to fund its low-income energy assistance and home weatherization programs created in 90-4-201. ~~However, the department may use the principal of the account only if the federal grants for either of those programs are reduced below the federal fiscal year 1987 level. The department may not use the principal to increase expenditures to either program above the level of the federal grant for that program for federal fiscal year 1987.~~"

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

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