

HOUSE BILL NO. 743

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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING CHRONIC DISEASE PROGRAMS TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROGRAMS FOR TOBACCO DISEASE PREVENTION"; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-6-602 AND 17-6-606, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 17-6-602, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-6-602. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Benefits, services, or coverage of health care needs" means the provision of health care to persons by the state through any program of benefits, services, or coverage, including income tax incentives.

(2) "Health care" has the meaning provided in 50-16-504.

(3) (a) "Programs for tobacco disease prevention" means programs of services administered by the state for the purposes of informing individuals of the health risks of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, assisting persons in the avoidance of tobacco products use, and assisting individuals in cessation of tobacco use.

(b) Programs for tobacco disease prevention include:

(i) community-based education programs;

(ii) American Indian community tobacco education programs;

(iii) general public awareness and education programs;

(iv) tobacco cessation services;

(v) chronic disease programs;

~~(vi)~~(vi) a tobacco use resource center;

~~(vi)~~(vii) special education and cessation programs to reach youth and women of childbearing age;

~~(vii)~~(viii) smokeless tobacco user programs; and

~~(viii)~~(ix) advertising issue programs.

(4) "Tobacco products" means a substance intended for human use that contains tobacco and includes

but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, smoking tobacco, and tobacco intended for use in an oral or nasal cavity.

(5) "Trust fund" means the Montana tobacco settlement trust fund authorized by Article XII, section 4, of the Montana constitution and implemented through this part."

Section 2. Section 17-6-606, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-6-606. Tobacco settlement accounts -- purpose -- uses. (1) The purpose of this section is to dedicate a portion of the tobacco settlement proceeds to fund ~~a statewide comprehensive program~~ programs for tobacco disease prevention program designed to:

- (a) discourage children from starting use of tobacco;
- (b) assist adults in quitting use of tobacco;
- (c) provide funds for the children's health insurance program; and
- (d) provide funds for the comprehensive health association programs.

(2) An amount equal to 32% of the total yearly tobacco settlement proceeds received after June 30, 2003, must be deposited in a state special revenue account. Subject to subsection (5), the funds referred to in this subsection may be used only for funding ~~a statewide program~~ programs for tobacco disease prevention program designed to prevent children from starting tobacco use and to help adults who want to quit tobacco use. The department of public health and human services shall manage the tobacco disease prevention program programs and shall adopt rules to implement the ~~program~~ programs. In adopting rules, the department shall consider the standards contained in Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs--August 1999 or its successor document, published by the U.S. department of health and human services, centers for disease control and prevention.

(3) An amount equal to 17% of the total yearly tobacco settlement proceeds received after June 30, 2003, must be deposited in a state special revenue account. Subject to subsection (5), the funds referred to in this subsection may be used only for:

- (a) matching funds to secure the maximum amount of federal funds for the Children's Health Insurance Program Act provided for in Title 53, chapter 4, part 10; and
- (b) programs of the comprehensive health association provided for in Title 33, chapter 22, part 15, with funding use subject to 33-22-1513.

(4) Funds deposited in a state special revenue account, as provided in subsection (2) or (3), that are not appropriated within 2 years after the date of deposit must be transferred to the trust fund.

(5) The legislature shall appropriate money from the state special revenue accounts provided for in this

section for programs for tobacco disease prevention, for the programs referred to in the subsection establishing the account, and for funding the tobacco prevention advisory board.

(6) Programs funded under this section that are private in nature may be funded through contracted services."

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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