

HOUSE BILL NO. 162

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN WITH A HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS AN OPTIONAL HEALTH PLAN OFFERED UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. High-deductible health plan -- health savings account -- contributions.

(1) As an alternative to the conventional insurance providing state employee group benefits offered under this part, the department shall offer as an optional health plan a high-deductible health plan with a health savings account, as provided in section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 223.

(2) If a state employee enrolls in a high-deductible health plan, the department may, on a monthly basis and in an amount not to exceed the maximum allowable contribution under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 223, deposit into the state employee's health savings account an amount to be determined annually by the department, after consultation with the office of budget and program planning, based on the actuarial value of the risk-adjusted high-deductible health plan.

(3) A state employee may make additional contributions to the health savings account in accordance with the maximum allowable contribution under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 223.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Health savings account" means an account established exclusively for the purposes of paying the qualified medical expenses of the account beneficiary and has the same meaning as provided under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 223.

(b) "High-deductible health plan" means a health plan with an annual deductible of not less than a specific amount under the Internal Revenue Code and has the same meaning as provided under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 223.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 18, part 8, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 18, part 8, apply to [section 1].



