

SENATE BILL NO. 33

INTRODUCED BY L. JENT

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE STATE'S SHARE FOR PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS UNDER THE FEDERAL MAJOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 10-3-312, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 10-3-312, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-3-312. Maximum expenditure by governor -- appropriation. (1) Whenever a disaster or an emergency, including an energy emergency as defined in 90-4-302 or an invasive species emergency declared under 80-7-1013, is declared by the governor, there is statutorily appropriated to the office of the governor, as provided in 17-7-502, and, subject to subsection (2), the governor is authorized to expend from the general fund an amount not to exceed \$16 million in any biennium, minus any amount appropriated pursuant to 10-3-310 in the same biennium. The statutory appropriation in this subsection may be used by any state agency designated by the governor.

(2) In the event of the recovery of money expended under this section, the spending authority must be reinstated to a level reflecting the recovery.

(3) If a disaster is declared by the president of the United States, there is statutorily appropriated to the office of the governor, as provided in 17-7-502, and the governor is authorized to expend from the general fund an amount not to exceed \$500,000 during the biennium to meet the state's share of the ~~individual~~ individuals and ~~family households~~ grant programs as provided in 42 U.S.C. ~~5178~~ 5174. The statutory appropriation in this subsection may be used by any state agency designated by the governor."

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

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