

HOUSE BILL NO. 327

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR RESPITE SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES FUNDED BY MEDICAID OR THROUGH TITLE XX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$500,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, to pay for respite care for individuals who have been determined to have a developmental disability but who are ineligible for the Montana medicaid program or for services paid for with Title XX social services block grant funding.

(2) The department may allocate up to \$10,000 for respite services for each individual determined to be eligible for funding and shall, to the best of its ability, provide equal allocations to each eligible individual based on its initial and subsequent determinations of the number of people eligible for services.

(3) The department shall provide notification of the availability of funding for respite services to individuals the department believes may qualify for funding. At a minimum, the department shall provide notification to individuals who lost eligibility for services as a result of rule changes made under Montana Administrative Register Notice 37-534 as adopted on June 23, 2011.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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