

HOUSE BILL NO. 728

INTRODUCED BY B. SMITH

ABILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING STATE RECOGNITION FOR THE NORTHERN TRIBES DUI TASK FORCE; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRIBAL TASK FORCE TO OBTAIN STATE RECOGNITION; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Tribal drinking and driving prevention task force. (1) The department may provide state recognition to the northern tribes DUI task force.

(2) To be recognized by the department under this section, the northern tribes DUI task force shall:

- (a) have members representing each of the participating tribal governments;
- (b) study the problem of alcohol-related traffic accidents;
- (c) develop and recommend to the participating tribal governments a program designed to:
 - (i) prevent driving while under the influence of alcohol;
 - (ii) reduce alcohol-related traffic accidents, injuries, and deaths; and
 - (iii) educate the public on the dangers of driving after consuming alcoholic beverages or other chemical substances that impair judgment or motor functions.

(3) The northern tribes DUI task force recognized under this section is eligible to receive funding appropriated to the task force and any other state funding available for drinking and driving prevention programs under this part.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$150,000 from the general fund to the department of transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, for the purposes of funding the northern tribes DUI task force pursuant to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.



