

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 276

2 INTRODUCED BY M. CAFERRO

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING TWO ~~LICENSED~~CERTIFIED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
 5 PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS TO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; INCORPORATING
 6 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT INTO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DUTIES; AND
 7 AMENDING ~~SECTION~~ SECTIONS 2-15-1744 AND 3-22-201, MCA."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-1744, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"2-15-1744. Board of behavioral health.** (1) (a) The governor shall appoint, with the consent of the
 13 senate, a board of behavioral health consisting of ~~nine~~ 11 NINE members.

14 (b) ~~Three~~ TWO members must be licensed social workers, and ~~three~~ TWO must be licensed
 15 professional counselors. At least one of these members who is licensed as a social worker or professional
 16 counselor must also be licensed as a marriage and family therapist.

17 (c) One member must be appointed from and represent the general public and may not be engaged
 18 in social work.

19 (d) Two members must be licensed addiction counselors.

20 (e) Two members must be licensed-CERTIFIED behavioral health peer support specialists.

21 (2) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as provided in 2-15-121.

22 (3) Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms."

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24 **SECTION 2.** SECTION 37-22-201, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:25 **"37-22-201. Duties of board.** The board:

26 (1) shall recommend prosecutions for violations of 37-22-411, 37-23-311, and Title 37, ~~chapter 35,~~
 27 ~~and Title 37, chapter 37~~ chapters 35, 37, and 38, to the attorney general or the appropriate county attorney, or
 28 both;

