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HOUSE BILL NO. 82

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCENTIVE PAYMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM ON AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-30-2392 AND 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana national guard enlistment incentive program.** (1) There is a Montana national guard enlistment incentive program to encourage enlistment into the Montana national guard.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the enlistment program authorizes an incentive payment of up to \$500 to current members of the Montana national guard in the pay grades of E-1 to O-5 or any former member of the Montana national guard for each new or prior service recruit that a service member refers to the Montana national guard.

(3) The following personnel are ineligible for enlistment incentive program payments:

(a) Montana national guard soldiers and aircrews who are currently assigned or attached or have been assigned or attached in the previous 6 months to either the Montana air national guard recruiting and retention section or the Montana army national guard recruiting and retention battalion;

(b) current federal or civilian employees of the Montana air national guard recruiting and retention section or the Montana army national guard recruiting and retention battalion; and

(c) contractor employers and contractor employees for the Montana air national guard recruiting and retention section or the Montana army national guard recruiting and retention battalion.

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