

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 597  
2 INTRODUCED BY N. DURAM

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ALLOCATIONS FROM THE 9-1-1 ACCOUNT;  
5 PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN  
6 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 10-4-304, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"10-4-304. (Temporary) Establishment of 9-1-1 accounts.** (1) There is established in the state  
12 special revenue fund an account for fees collected for 9-1-1 services pursuant to 10-4-201.

13 (2) Except as provided in subsection (5), funds in the account are statutorily appropriated to the  
14 department, as provided in 17-7-502. Except as provided in subsection (3), funds that are not used for the  
15 administration of this chapter by the department, used for public safety radio communications, if allowable, or  
16 transferred in accordance with ~~subsection-subsections~~ (5) and (6) are allocated as follows:

17 (a) 75% of the account must be deposited in an account for distribution to local and tribal  
18 government entities that host public safety answering points in accordance with 10-4-305 and with rules  
19 adopted by the department in accordance with 10-4-108; ~~and~~

20 (b) ~~25%-7%~~ of the account must be deposited in an account for distribution in the form of grants to  
21 private telecommunications providers, local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering  
22 points, or both in accordance with 10-4-306; ~~i~~ and

23 (c) ~~18%~~ of the account must be deposited in an account for use by the department, which shall  
24 confer with the 9-1-1 advisory council on proposed expenditures and implementation for a statewide next  
25 generation 9-1-1 system.

26 (3) All money received by the department of revenue pursuant to 10-4-201 must be paid to the  
27 state treasurer for deposit in the appropriate account.

28 (4) The accounts established in subsections (1) and (2) retain interest earned from the investment

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1 of money in the accounts.

2 (5) Each fiscal year from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2030, the state treasurer shall transfer  
3 \$450,000 from the account established in subsection (1) to the 9-1-1 GIS mapping account established in 10-4-  
4 310 by August 15 of each fiscal year.

5 (6) On July 1, 2023, the state treasurer shall transfer the balance from the account established in  
6 subsection (2)(b) into the account established in subsection (2)(c). (Terminates July 1, 2031--sec. 8, Ch. 200, L.  
7 2021.)

8 **10-4-304. (Effective July 2, 2031) Establishment of 9-1-1 accounts.** (1) Beginning July 1, 2018,  
9 there is established in the state special revenue fund an account for fees collected for 9-1-1 services pursuant  
10 to 10-4-201.

11 (2) Funds in the account are statutorily appropriated to the department, as provided in 17-7-502.  
12 Except as provided in subsection (3), beginning July 1, 2018, funds that are not used for the administration of  
13 this chapter by the department or used for public safety radio communications, if allowable, are allocated as  
14 follows:

15 (a) 75% of the account must be deposited in an account for distribution to local and tribal  
16 government entities that host public safety answering points in accordance with 10-4-305 and with rules  
17 adopted by the department in accordance with 10-4-108; and

18 (b) 25% of the account must be deposited in an account for distribution in the form of grants to  
19 private telecommunications providers, local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering  
20 points, or both in accordance with 10-4-306.

21 (3) Beginning July 1, 2018, all money received by the department of revenue pursuant to 10-4-201  
22 must be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the appropriate account.

23 (4) The accounts established in subsections (1) and (2) retain interest earned from the investment  
24 of money in the accounts."

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26 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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