

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 669
2 INTRODUCED BY B. MERCER

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ALLOCATIONS OF MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE;
5 ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE HEALING AND ENDING ADDICTION THROUGH
6 RECOVERY AND TREATMENT ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING
7 SECTIONS 10-2-108, 16-12-101, 16-12-111, 23-1-105, 23-2-108, AND 87-5-121, MCA; AMENDING SECTION
8 117, CHAPTER 576, LAWS OF 2021; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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12 **Section 1.** Section 10-2-108, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"10-2-108. Veterans and surviving spouses state special revenue account.** (1) There is a
14 veterans and surviving spouses account in the state special revenue fund to be administered by the veterans'
15 affairs division of the department of military affairs. ~~The account consists of revenue deposited pursuant to 16-~~
16 ~~42-114.~~

17 (2) The account must be used to provide services and assistance for all Montana veterans and
18 surviving spouses and dependents."

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20 **Section 2.** Section 16-12-101, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"16-12-101. Short title -- purpose.** (1) This chapter may be cited as the "Montana Marijuana
22 Regulation and Taxation Act".

23 (2) The purpose of this chapter is to:

24 (a) provide for legal possession and use of limited amounts of marijuana legal for adults 21 years
25 of age or older;

26 (b) provide for the licensure and regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, production, distribution,
27 transportation, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products;

28 (c) eliminate the illicit market for marijuana and marijuana products;

1 (a) ~~all~~ money collected under 15-30-2387 and all interest earned by the fund before being expended
2 under this section; ~~and~~

3 (b) ~~money from marijuana taxes deposited under 16-12-111.~~

4 (3) Money in the account must be used by the department, upon the approval of the commission
5 as determined under 87-5-122, to provide adequate funding for:

6 (a) research and education programs on nongame wildlife in Montana, as provided for in 87-5-104;
7 and

8 (b) any management programs for nongame wildlife approved by the legislature under 87-5-105 as
9 species or subspecies in need of management.

10 (4) The money is available to the department in the same manner as provided in 87-1-601, except
11 that money collected under 15-30-2387 may not be used:

12 (a) for the purchase of any real property; or

13 (b) in such a way as to interfere with the production on or management of private property."
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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Reporting on use of healing and ending addiction through recovery**
16 **and treatment account.** The department of public health and human services shall report to the children,
17 families, health, and human services interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210, on a quarterly basis. The
18 report must identify grantees and amounts of grants awarded by the department that are funded by the funds in
19 the account provided for in 16-12-122.

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21 **Section 8.** Section 117, Chapter 576, Laws of 2021, is amended to read:

22 **"Section 117. Termination.** (1) [Section 38(15)(b)(ii)] terminates October 1, 2023. After October 1,
23 2023, a hoop house is not an indoor cultivation facility.

24 (2) [Section 46(4)(b)(vi)] terminates June 30, ~~2025~~ 2023."
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26 **NEW SECTION. Section 9. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$10,000 from the general fund to
27 the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to provide the
28 reporting required in [section 7].

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NEW SECTION. Section 10. Codification instruction. [Section 7] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 16, chapter 12, part 1, and the provisions of Title 16, chapter 12, part 1, apply to [section 7].

NEW SECTION. Section 11. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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