

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 PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-2-108, 16-12-101, 16-12-111, 23-1-105, 23-2-  
6 108, AND 87-5-121, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 117, CHAPTER 576, LAWS OF 2021; AND PROVIDING AN  
7 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

12 **"10-2-108. Veterans and surviving spouses state special revenue account.** (1) There is a  
13 veterans and surviving spouses account in the state special revenue fund to be administered by the veterans'  
14 affairs division of the department of military affairs. ~~The account consists of revenue deposited pursuant to 16-~~  
15 ~~42-411.~~

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

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

20 **"16-12-101. Short title -- purpose.** (1) This chapter may be cited as the "Montana Marijuana  
21 Regulation and Taxation Act".

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

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

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

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

28 (d) prevent the distribution of marijuana sold under this chapter to persons under 21 years of age;

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1 under this section; ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (b) in such a way as to interfere with the production on or management of private property."  
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14 **Section 7.** Section 117, Chapter 576, Laws of 2021, is amended to read:

15 **"Section 117. Termination.** (1) [Section 38(15)(b)(ii)] terminates October 1, 2023. After October 1,  
16 2023, a hoop house is not an indoor cultivation facility.

17 (2) [Section 46(4)(b)(vi)] terminates June 30, ~~2025~~ 2023."  
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19 **NEW SECTION. Section 8. Appropriations.** There is appropriated from the general fund in each  
20 year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023:

21 (1) \$8.7 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely as funding for wildlife  
22 habitat in the same manner as funding generated under 87-1-242(3) and used pursuant to 87-1-209;

23 (2) \$1.75 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely for the same  
24 purposes as those of the state park account established in 23-1-105(1);

25 (3) \$1.75 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely for the same  
26 purposes as those of the trails and recreational facilities account established in 23-2-108;

27 (4) \$1.75 million to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used solely for the same  
28 purposes as those of the nongame wildlife account established in 87-5-121;

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1 (5) \$2.5 million to the department of natural resources and conservation for conservation districts;

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3 (6) \$2.5 million to the department of military affairs to be used solely for the same purposes as

4 those of the veterans and surviving spouses state special revenue account provided for in 10-2-108.

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6 NEW SECTION. **Section 9. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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