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 10 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE SENIOR CARE FACILITY ACCESS AND
 11 STABILIZATION ACT; REVISING FUNDING LAWS RELATED TO SKILLED NURSING AND ASSISTED
 12 LIVING FACILITIES; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CALCULATING PERSONAL NEEDS
 13 ALLOWANCES AND ROOM AND BOARD COSTS FOR ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS; REQUIRING
 14 MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR NURSING HOME SERVICES TO BE USED ONLY FOR THOSE PURPOSES;
 15 AMENDING SECTION 53-6-113, MCA; AND PROVIDING ~~AN EFFECTIVE DATE~~ EFFECTIVE DATES AND A
 16 TERMINATION DATE."

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

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 20 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Short title. [Sections 1 through 8] may be cited as the "Senior Care
 21 Facility Access and Stabilization Act".

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 23 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Purpose. (1) The legislature affirms the importance of providing frail,
 24 elderly Montanans with quality residential long-term care services that meet health and safety standards and
 25 are provided close to home, family, and friends.

- 26 (2) The purposes of [sections 1 through 8] are to:
 27 (a) ensure that residential long-term care services are available close to home for Montana seniors
 28 who need that level of care;

1 later than January 1, 2024, to make assisted living facility services currently covered under the big sky waiver a
2 service covered under the community first choice option available under the medicaid program.

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4 **NEW SECTION. Section 11. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 8] are intended to be
5 codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 6, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 6, apply to [sections 1
6 through 8].

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8 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 12. Coordination instruction.** If both House Bill No. 110 and
9 [this act] are passed and approved, then the reference in [this act] to "legislative finance committee" in [section
10 6(3)] must be changed to "health and human services interim budget committee".

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 13. Effective dates.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is
13 effective July 1, 2023.

14 (2) [Section 4(1)(b)] is effective July 1, 2024.

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16 **NEW SECTION. Section 14. Termination.** [Sections 5(1) and 7(1)] terminate December 31, 2029.

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