

1 SENATE BILL NO. 516
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9 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO FERTILITY
10 PRESERVATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER; REQUIRING INSURANCE
11 COVERAGE OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION SERVICES; CREATING A VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT FOR
12 CANCER SCREENING EFFORTS; CREATING A SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING
13 DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704, 33-31-111, 33-35-306, 53-6-101, AND 61-3-303, MCA; AND
14 PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES, ~~AND~~ AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

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18 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Legislative findings -- purpose.** (1) The legislature finds that young
19 Montanans who are diagnosed with cancer often learn, shortly before they are to begin the medical treatment
20 needed to save their lives, that the treatment may result in infertility, leaving them only a small window of time in
21 which to decide whether to undergo medically necessary efforts to preserve their ability to have biological
22 families.

23 (2) The legislature further finds that future fertility is a top quality of life priority for many young
24 cancer patients and that the possibility of infertility may cause significant distress and grief during a time when
25 cancer patients are also facing not only their diagnoses but also the prospects of treatment that may include
26 surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, or a combination of those approaches.

27 (3) The legislature further finds that fertility preservation is medically necessary and considered

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1 NEW SECTION. **Section 11. Effective dates.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is
2 effective January 1, 2024.

3 (2) [Sections 4 and 9] and this section are effective July 1, 2023.
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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 12. Applicability.** [This act] applies to insurance policies, certificates, and
6 contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.
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8 ~~NEW SECTION. SECTION 13. TERMINATION. [THIS ACT] TERMINATES JULY 1, 2027.~~
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