

HOUSE BILL NO. 597

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) 18% of the account must be deposited in an account for use by the department for a statewide next generation 9-1-1 system.

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

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

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

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

7 **10-4-304. (Effective July 2, 2031) Establishment of 9-1-1 accounts.** (1) Beginning July 1, 2018,
 8 there is established in the state special revenue fund an account for fees collected for 9-1-1 services pursuant
 9 to 10-4-201.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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