



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~~ accounts for fees collected for 9-1-1 services pursuant to 10-4-201.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (5), funds in the ~~account~~ accounts 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,~~ 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, which shall confer with the 9-1-1 advisory council on proposed expenditures and implementation 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.

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

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

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

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

(3) Beginning July 1, 2018, 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."

**Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 597, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 597

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