

SENATE BILL NO. 537

INTRODUCED BY D. ZOLNIKOV

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE; ESTABLISHING THE HABITAT LEGACY ACCOUNT; ESTABLISHING THE BIG GAME AND WILDLIFE HIGHWAY CROSSINGS AND ACCOMMODATION ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT USE; ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR HOMELESS SHELTER SUPPORT IN THE HEALING AND ENDING ADDICTION THROUGH RECOVERY AND TREATMENT ACCOUNT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; REVISING WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-12-111, 16-12-122, 87-5-802, 87-5-803, 87-5-804, 87-5-806, AND 87-5-808, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 16-12-111, MCA, is amended to read:

"16-12-111. Marijuana state special revenue account -- operating reserve -- transfer of excess funds. (1) There is a dedicated marijuana state special revenue account within the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102, to be administered by the department.

(2) The account consists of:

(a) money deposited into the account pursuant to this chapter;

(b) the taxes collected pursuant to Title 15, chapter 64, part 1;

(c) license and registered cardholder fees deposited into the account pursuant to this chapter;

(d) taxes deposited into the account pursuant to 16-12-310; and

(e) civil penalties collected under this chapter.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4), money in the account must be used by the department for the purpose of administering the provisions of this chapter.

(4) At the end of each fiscal year, the department shall transfer funds in excess of a 3-month

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2 **NEW SECTION. Section 10. Codification instruction.** (1) [Sections 3 and 9] are intended to be
3 codified as an integral part of Title 87, chapter 5, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 5, apply to [sections 3
4 and 9].

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6 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 11. Coordination instruction.** If both Senate Bill No. 491 and
7 [this act] are passed and approved and if both contain a section that amends 16-12-111, then the section
8 amending 16-12-111 in Senate Bill No. 491 is void and [section 1(4)(h) of this act], amending 16-12-111, must
9 be replaced with:

10 "(h) 1.5% to the sexual assault medical forensic examination fund established in [section 1 of
11 Senate Bill No. 491];"

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13 **NEW SECTION. Section 12. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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