HOUSE BILL NO. 21

INTRODUCED BY S. KLAKKEN

BY REQUEST OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO 9-1-1 ACCOUNTS; REVISING THE DISPOSITION OF FEES FOR ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES OF TITLE; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-4-304 AND 61-3-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED 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 accounts for fees collected for 9-1-1 services pursuant to 10-4-201 and for fees collected for original certificates of title pursuant to 61-3-203.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (5), funds in the 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, or transferred in accordance with 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;

(b) 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~~ There is established in the state special revenue fund accounts for fees collected for 9-1-1 services pursuant to 10-4-201 and for fees collected for original certificates of title pursuant to 61-3-203.

(2) Funds in the 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, 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~~ 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. Section 61-3-203, MCA, is amended to read:

"**61-3-203. Fee for original certificate of title -- disposition.** (1) ~~Until June 30, 2028, a~~ A person applying for a certificate of title shall pay the department, its authorized agent, or a county treasurer a fee of:

(a) $10 if the vehicle for which a certificate of title is sought is not a light vehicle or a truck or bus that weighs 1 ton or less; or

(b) $12 if the vehicle for which application is made is a light vehicle or a truck or bus that weighs 1 ton or less.

(2) The amount of $5 of the fee imposed pursuant to subsection (1) must be forwarded to the department for deposit in the ~~motor vehicle information technology system account provided for in 61-3-550~~ 9-1-1 accounts provided for in 10-4-304, and the remaining amount must be deposited in the state general fund.

(3) For expedited certificates of title, which may be issued only by the Montana motor vehicle division, the entirety of the fee imposed pursuant to subsection (1) must be deposited into the ~~motor vehicle information technology system account provided for in 61-3-550~~ 9-1-1 accounts provided for in 10-4-304.

~~(4) Beginning July 1, 2028, the fee imposed in subsection (1)(a) is $5 and the fee imposed in subsection (1)(b) is $7 and all fees paid pursuant to this section must be deposited in the state general fund.~~"

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2028.

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