

1 *House* BILL NO. *564*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Richard N. Day Donald Rasmussen*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO
 5 THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPING A PLAN TO
 6 PRESERVE THE MURALS HOUSED THROUGHOUT THE CAPITOL COMPLEX;
 7 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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9 WHEREAS, the capitol complex houses many valuable
 10 murals by some now famous artists, among them Edgar Paxson,
 11 an early Montana frontiersman, pioneer and artist, and

12 WHEREAS, many of these works of art have deteriorated
 13 due to natural and other causes, and

14 WHEREAS, it is imperative that some effort be made to
 15 stop the deterioration and to institute a plan for the
 16 protection and preservation of these unique art treasures
 17 for future Montanans, and

18 WHEREAS, a plan can be developed to allow for the
 19 timely and orderly preservation of these murals at
 20 relatively small expense to the state.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

23 Section 1. There is appropriated the sum of three
 24 thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the year ending June 30, 1976,
 25 from the general fund to the Montana historical society.

1 The purpose of this appropriation is to permit the Montana
 2 historical society to contract with a trained and qualified
 3 conservationist to make an appraisal of the murals located
 4 throughout the capitol complex, to submit an estimate of the
 5 cost of insuring these works of art, and to submit a report
 6 detailing the level of deterioration of each mural and an
 7 estimate for the cost of and plan for restoring, conserving
 8 and/or protecting each mural. Any moneys unexpended upon
 9 the completion of this contract shall revert to the general
 10 fund.

11 Section 2. This act is effective upon its passage and
 12 approval.

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