

1 H BILL NO. 427
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PERMIT THE
 6 EXPENDITURE OF STATE EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS FOR
 7 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BY STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
 8 AND AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT
 9 PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 1974;
 10 AMENDING SECTION 79-2501, R.C.M. 1947."

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

13 Section 1. Section 79-2501, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 14 read as follows:

15 "79-2501. Governor may authorize expenditure in case
 16 of emergency or disaster. (1) The governor may authorize the
 17 incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other
 18 claims against the state from the general fund, in the
 19 amount necessary, when an emergency or disaster justifies
 20 the expenditure and is declared by the governor, to meet
 21 contingencies--and-emergencies-arising-from-hostile-attacks,
 22 riots-or-insurrections, epidemics--of--disease--plagues--of
 23 insects--fires--floods--or--other-acts-of-God-resulting-in
 24 damage-or-disaster-to-the-works, building-or-property-of-the
 25 state-or-any-political-subdivision-thereof, or which--menace

1 the--healthy--welfare--safety--lives--or--property--of--any
 2 considerable-number-of-persons-in-any-county-or-community-of
 3 the-state provide disaster and emergency services as defined
 4 in 77-2302, including administrative services by state
 5 departments and agencies necessary for accomplishing and
 6 fulfilling response and recovery functions and
 7 responsibilities, upon demonstration by the political
 8 jurisdiction subdivision:

9 (a) that such political jurisdiction subdivision has
 10 exhausted all available emergency levies;

11 (b) that the emergency or disaster is beyond the
 12 financial capability of the political jurisdiction
 13 subdivision to respond, and for which no appropriation is
 14 available in sufficient amount to meet the emergency or
 15 disaster; or

16 (c) that federal funds available for such emergency or
 17 disaster require either matching state funds or specific
 18 expenditures prior to eligibility for assistance under
 19 federal laws.

20 (2) If he determines that such expenditures are in the
 21 public interest, the governor may authorize expenditures
 22 pursuant to this section to provide matching funds to obtain
 23 federal funds available for individual and family grants
 24 under section 408 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974."

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