

1 House BILL NO. 665
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY
 5 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES IN
 6 ADMINISTERING ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS."

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

9 Section 1. Administration of energy assistance
 10 program. In the administration of any program of energy
 11 assistance the department of social and rehabilitation
 12 services may employ any method of administration which it
 13 determines to be proper, including but not limited to:

- 14 (1) issuance of energy stamps;
- 15 (2) supplemental payment to eligible persons who are
- 16 receiving other forms of assistance; and
- 17 (3) direct payments to the sellers of various types
- 18 and sources of energy.

19 Section 2. Scope of energy assistance program. Any
 20 energy assistance program administered by the department of
 21 social and rehabilitation services extends to all forms and
 22 sources of energy which are used in the home, including but
 23 not limited to:

- 24 (1) electricity;
- 25 (2) natural gas;

- 1 (3) methane;
- 2 (4) propane; and
- 3 (5) heating oil.

4 Section 3. Rules authorized. The department of social
 5 and rehabilitation services is authorized to adopt rules
 6 necessary for the administration of any energy assistance
 7 program.

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