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House BILL NO. 813 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A STATE DEFENDER SYSTEM." BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated the sum of \$1,491,820 for the biennium ending June 30, 1979, from the general fund to the state department of social and rehabilitation services: for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, \$538,060 and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, \$953,760. Section 2. Defender system. The funds appropriated by this act shall be used to establish a state defender system which shall provide counsel to represent indigents in criminal, juvenile, and involuntary commitment proceedings within the state of Montana. Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective on

23 its passage and approval.

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