HOUSE BILL NO. 615

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$450,000 Letre

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR Cody,

THE AREA AGENCIES ON AGING TO PROVIDE FOR HOME HEALTH CARE

SERVICES FOR AGING PERSONS IN MONTANA."

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WHEREAS, there is a need to provide more and better home health care for aging persons in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the 1981 and 1983 legislative appropriations for home health care for aging persons were less than the original amounts requested to meet the needs of home health care for aging persons; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursements for services for aging persons can be reduced when home health care services are available as an alternative to care provided in hospitals and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, since recent federal regulations necessitate shorter stays in hospitals, it is imperative that aging persons be provided with appropriate home health care services.

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

25 Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated

Montana Legislative Council

- 1 \$450,000\$ from the general fund to the Department of Social
- 2 and Rehabilitation Services for the area agencies on aging,
- 3 as provided for in 53-5-101 and 53-5-103, MCA, for home
- 4 health care services for aging persons for the biennium
- 5 starting July 1, 1985.

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