

HOUSE BILL NO. 805

2/12 Introduced
2/12 Referred to Human Services & Aging
2/20 Hearing
2/21 Rereferred to Appropriations
3/14 Hearing
Died in Committee

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 805
 2 INTRODUCED BY Beagone Marky
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT A
 5 PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEARS 1986 AND 1987
 6 FOR HOME CARE FOR AGING PERSONS BE USED TO FUND PROJECTS
 7 DESIGNED TO MEET THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF AGING PERSONS;
 8 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

12 WHEREAS, the 1981 and 1983 legislative appropriations
 13 for home care for aging persons have been an important asset
 14 to enable these people to remain within their own homes and
 15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, home care can be less costly and a more
 17 appropriate alternative to institutional care; and

18 WHEREAS, the area agencies on aging are designed to
 19 assess the needs of aging persons living within their
 20 planning and service areas and to provide a coordinated and
 21 comprehensive system of services to these persons; and

22 WHEREAS, community mental health services are designed
 23 to serve the needs of all the people within their community.

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

1 Section 1. Coordinated community mental health care
 2 for aging persons. Two percent of the amount appropriated
 3 for the biennium ending July 1, 1987, to the aging services
 4 unit of the department of social and rehabilitation services
 5 for home care must be used to fund grants for two model
 6 projects designed to meet the mental health needs of aging
 7 persons in coordination with community mental health
 8 programs. The projects awarded grants must be located in two
 9 different service and planning areas.

10 Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective July
 11 1, 1985.

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