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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO SUPPORT HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES; REPEALING SECTION 50-16-401, MCA; AND PROVIDING DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE REPEALER."

WHEREAS, the Montana Health Information Center has been developed to provide a central access point for providing consumer-oriented health information to lay persons and health professionals on physical and mental diseases, disorders, and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Health Information Center disseminates information on the many groups, organizations, and health care specialists available to comfort, diagnose, treat, or otherwise assist and inform persons regarding health problems; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Health Information Center handled over 6,000 requests for information from Montanans in 1984, its first year in operation; and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrable need for this information to continue to be available to lay persons and health care professionals on a current basis; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature intends to continue the Montana Health Information Center to assure statewide access to current health information.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$50,000 for fiscal year 1986 and \$30,000 for fiscal year 1987 from the general fund to the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences for the purposes of health information services as provided in 50-16-401.

Section 2. Repealer. Section 50-16-401, MCA, is repealed.

Section 3. Effective date. Section 2 is effective July 1, 1987.

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